

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

**HQ FILE: 100-50869**

**SECTION 11**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 11, 1951, has been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your interest in the work being done by the FBI.

I am glad to know that you have found my book, "Masters of Deceit," helpful, and copies, published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., 383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York, retail in the regular edition for \$5 each. Pocket Books, Inc., 330 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, has published over 2000 copies of it, and if you are unable to secure them in your local bookstore, they can be purchased from the Mail Service Department of Pocket Books, Inc., for fifty cents each, plus five cents per book for mailing costs.

Your desire to help combat the growing menace of communism is gratifying, and I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, material which offers citizens suggestions as to how they can take effective action in combating subversive influences in our society today. Additional copies of these reprints can be sent you without charge, upon request.

I am including in the reprints forwarded, a copy of "Communist Target--Youth," a detailed account prepared by this Bureau of the highly organized tactics employed by the Communist Party, in the California demonstrations against the House Un-American Activities Committee. An analysis of this report will show that

W. E. Morrell - Room 4235

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purpose was not to defend the activities of the [REDACTED] nor does it cast doubt on the nature of this malevolent threat, and, armed with that knowledge, to resist being duped into unlawful and unthinking action.

The film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy, I cannot, therefore, make any comments with respect to it. May I suggest that you consider contacting the Committee which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

With reference to the other group you mentioned, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

USC Material One copy each of:

Communist Target--Youth

Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

How To Beat Communism

Director's Speech 10-18-60

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC. (100-50869)

February 11, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have never thanked you for the wonderful work you are doing for all true Americans in keeping our land, "the land of the free", by exposing the evils within our gates. To you, and all who work with you I am deeply grateful.

As a minister of the Gospel I stand with you in opposing these vicious evils. Can you please send me the following:

1. "Target Youth" and your official statement regarding "Operation Abolition" film.
2. Evidence of what happened at latest Communist Convention.
3. Anything you have that will help me expose Communism in the National Council of Churches - from your records.
4. Advice as to the best way to oppose Communism after one is informed - what steps of action to take, like petitions, etc. or influencing representatives.

Your book "Masters of Deceit" was most helpful to me. Can you quote me prices (on paper back edition, if you have one, for mass distribution)?

Sincerely, your fellow American,

*P.S. I would like to receive all your public correspondence exposing Communism, so I can help to spread the information.*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated February 16, 1961, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I have made statements several times concerning the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate our religious institutions since such efforts are in the over-all communist program of attempting to control all mass-type organizations. You may be able to secure from your local public library a copy of my book, "Masters of Deceit," and you will find on pages 324 through 326 this matter more fully discussed.

With reference to the two groups you named, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character and integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to help you in this regard and hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have related data in our files.

Enclosed are publications available for general distribution by this Bureau on the subject of communism which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (9) Listed next page)

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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**Enclosures (9)**

**Statement before HCUA on 3-26-47.**

**How To Beat Communism**

**3-60 LEB Introduction**

**Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion**

**God and Country or Communism?**

**Director's speech 10-18-60**

**What You Can Do To Fight Communism**

**Communist Target--Youth**

**Expose of Soviet Espionage**

**NOTE: For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC. The Methodist Church, of course, is making strong efforts through the Circuit Riders, a group of laymen within, to combat communism among its own members. In view of the two subjects of correspondent's inquiries, it is believed that above reply would best serve the Bureau's interests. See letter of same date to Congressman Walter E. Rogers.**

February 16, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In the past few months a vigorous organization has arisen in our city and has made many accusations that The National Council of Churches and The Methodist Church, among other denominations, are dominated and infiltrated by many Communists and Communist sympathizers.

Some of the persons named by this group are men held in high esteem throughout our church. It is difficult for me to give much weight to hearsay evidence against them.

On some occasions, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is referred to as a source of information about communists in the churches.

Can you give me information about the extent of such infiltration, if any, into the churches? Is it possible for the names, positions, and activities of Communists within The Methodist Church particularly to be made available?

Sincerely yours,

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February 24, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 16, 1961, has been received. I can understand your deep concern over the grave threat presented by communism, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have information in our files concerning the organization about which you inquired in your communication.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for distribution by this Bureau concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (3)  
(See next page.)

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. DeLoach
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Mohr
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Bishop
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Casper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Callahan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Conrad
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Felt
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Gale
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Rosen
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Sullivan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tavel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Trotter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tele. Room
- \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Holmes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy

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**Enclosures (8)**  
**17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 Intro.**  
**One Nation's Response To Communism**  
**Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality**  
**What You Can Do To Fight Communism**  
**Series from "Christianity Today"**  
**Director's speech of 10-18-60**  
**Expose of Soviet Espionage**  
**Communist Target--Youth**

**NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing which is identifiable with [REDACTED]**  
**For a number of years allegations have been made by many people,**  
**including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of**  
**Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists.**  
**Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC,**  
**as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party,**  
**USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all**  
**investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-**  
**type organizations. It does not appear from the information developed**  
**that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)**

TRUE COPY

Feb 16-1961

Dear Mr Hoover,

I have read your book "Masters of Deceit" & many of your articles in news papers, church papers etc. Have read the blue book on the "Birch Society", have seen "Communism on the Map", & Operation Abolition" - Have heard many speakers including Wm. Opie, Billy Hargis, & Dean Manion - All of this is good except:

I am a Presbyterian & frequently now reference is being made to the National Council of Churches as being a communist front organization - Please give me verification of this - I do not wish to leave my church or do I wish to support a church that is anti-American -

Sincerely,



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Feb 16 1961

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Evans
- Mr. Malone
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. W.C. Sullivan
- Mr. Tele. Room
- Mr. Ingram
- Miss Gandy

Dear Mr Hoover,

I have read your book "Masters of Deceit" & many of your articles in news papers, magazines etc. I have read the blue book of "Bruit Society", have seen "Communist in the Map", & "Operation Abolition". I have heard many speakers including Wm. O'Neal, Billy Hargis, & Dean Driscoll - all of them in good spirit:

I am a Presbyterian & frequently hear reference is being made to the National Council of Churches as being a Communist front organization - Please give me clarification of this - I do not want to leave my Church in doubt to support a church that is Anti-American -

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Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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February 21, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 9, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. For this reason, the FBI is unable to be of aid to you, and no suggestions come to mind where you might be able to secure data of the specific type you desire. Please do not infer, however, in this connection either that we do or that we do not have related information in our files.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing publications available for general distribution by this Bureau on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (7)  
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NOTE: [Redacted] For a number of years allegations

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- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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**NOTE continued:**

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[REDACTED] Correspondent

is not identifiable.

**Enclosures**

Series from "Christianity Today"  
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion  
Director's speech 10-18-60  
What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
How to Beat Communism  
Expose of Soviet Espionage  
Communist Target--Youth



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J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

Where, where can we get authentic information on Communist activities in the United States, especially names of persons in the National Council of Churches, The Association of Evangelicals and Youth for Christ who are or have been Communists.

We desire to know if it is getting into our Churches and colleges.

Sincerely.

An American who wants to keep America free.

/s/



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2/9/61

J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D.C.

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churches and colleges.

Sincerely,

American who wants  
to keep America free.

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February 21, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 14, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Enclosures (6)
- Director's 10-18-60 speech
- What You Can Do To Fight Communism
- 3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
- One Nation's Response to Communism
- Communist Target--Youth
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**NOTE:** For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigation of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

[Redacted]

Feb 14, 1961

Mr. J Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Am writing to you in regard to the National Council of the Churches of Christ. Just how much in your opinion is the National Council working with some of the Communist activities here in America, my soninlaw and daughter belong to a church that is hooked up with National Council, they say they would really like to know but aren't sure, as far as I am concerned I allready am convinced.

Would greatly appreciate any information you can give us and if there are any charges to any material you sent let us know. As I feel these Communist activities are getting serious in this great country in which we are living.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours

[Redacted Signature]

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W. [redacted] 30  
Feb. 4, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Thank you very much.  
Sincerely yours  
[REDACTED]

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February 17, 1961

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on February 13, 1961, and I want to thank you for your kind comments and prayers.

In response to your request, I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which is available for distribution, together with a copy of my speech at The American Legion Convention. I have no objection to your reprinting any of this material in your church publication.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to be of assistance, and I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (9)  
10-18-60 Speech  
17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB  
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
Communist Party, USA  
God and Country or Communism  
Struggle on a New Plane

Communism: The Bitter  
Enemy of Religion  
Where do we stand today with  
communism  
What You Can Do To Fight  
Communism

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**2-17-61**

**NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Since correspondent requests permission to reprint material in his church bulletin which has circulation of 226 families, it is not believed necessary to have him secure permission from the editors of any magazines in which these articles may have appeared. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC today.**



February, 9, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are trying to do all we can in this community to combat Communism, especially within the various bodies of religion.

We are told by some people that the National Council of Churches has communist men within it and also communist sympathizers. And that it should be watched.

We are also told that the American Council of Churches is alright and have no communist infiltration.

Would you please send me information as you have it on the communist movement within the National Council of Churches? I am told by some folk that all communists have been removed and that the National Council of Churches is clean and definitely for American freedom. Please enlighten me.

Also would you please send me the copy of the address you delivered to the American Legion convention in Miami?

I appreciate very much your labors to keep America free. I pray to God that we will have many, many more men like you who will go all out for freedom. May I be of any help?

Respectively yours

P.S. Also; May I use this information in our church paper? We print a weekly paper which goes into the homes of 226 families.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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February 20, 1961

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 10, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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John Edgar Hoover  
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- Enclosures (0)
- God and Country or Communism?
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- The Communists Are After Our Minds
- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- Series from "Christianity Today"
- The Nation's Response to Communism

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NCTF: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies of the NCCC. (100-30269)**

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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
February 10, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Fed. Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing for my group to request information about the National Council of Churches. We have heard, and are hearing presently, accusations and charges that there is communist infiltration and leanings among the leaders of N. C. C.

Since we are believers and supporters of the National Council of Churches, it is very alarming to hear these charges. We want to know if there is any proven evidence of communist activity or leanings in this organization.

/s/ [REDACTED]  
Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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February 10, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Fed. Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE

1 - Mr. Simpson

February 20, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated February 8, 1961, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, a regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of information in our files to other than appropriate agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting on the organizations and individual you mentioned.

I am, however, enclosing some literature concerning the menace of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (6)

- Mr. Tolson
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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent has used material issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen and Circuit Riders, Incorporated, to establish to a group in his church that the National Council of the Churches of Christ and its leaders further the cause of communism. He has also referred to statements made by Congressman Donald L. Jackson in Congress; however, correspondent's minister criticized Jackson. Correspondent requests the Bureau's opinion on the patriotic or unpatriotic work of the above organizations and individual. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

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[REDACTED]

The National Council of the Churches of Christ has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate it through our over-all investigations of the Communist Party, USA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the Communist Party. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
2. "Communist Target - Youth."
3. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
4. "Red Goals and Christian Ideals."
5. "God and Country or Communism?"
6. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."

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February 7, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In my attempt to do all I can for Patriotic causes, I have made a presentation to the World Outreach Department of our church concerning the possibility of the National Council of Churches and its leaders futhering the causes of Communism. I must now ask you for assistance.

First, will you send me any bulletins you have available concerning the infiltration of the churches by Communists or fellow travelers.

Second, I used the bulletin "How Red is the National Council of Churches?" published by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin, and the bulletin "Recognize Red China?" published by Circuit Riders, Inc, 187. Fourth Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. In rebuttal to my presentation, our minister suggested to the committee that perhaps these two organizations were the real communists who were, through running down these leaders of the National Council of Churches trying to divide the best organization we have in this country for fighting the forces of Communism. Therefore I ask you for the information about the patriotic or unpatriotic work of the American Council of Christian Laymen and Circuit Riders.

Third, I used "Congressional Record, Proceedings and Debates of the 86th Congress, Second Session" in which Honorable Donald W. Jackson of California addresses the House of Representatives. Our minister in rebuttal to my presentation asked the committee, "Who is this fellow Jackson? He is just a fellow in Washington delivering an address to the House of Representatives. Why they would let us talk if I went to up there and ask to speak." Therefore, I ask you for any information you will give me on the patriotic or unpatriotic work and attitude of Honorable Donald W. Jackson.

Thanking you in advance for anything you can do to help us with this.

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February 20, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked February 13, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material on communism available for general distribution by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (7)  
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**Enclosures (7)**  
**12-22-60 Press Release**  
**Director's speech of 10-18-60**  
**What You Can Do To Fight Communism**  
**Communist Party, USA (Ave Maria)**  
**Series from "Christianity Today"**  
**Expose of Soviet Espionage**  
**Communist Target--Youth**

**NOTE: Neither correspondent nor her husband is identifiable in Bufiles. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC. (100-50869)**

TRUE COPY

Dear Mr. Hoover -

After reading intensively both pro and con concerning subversion of communist strategy and tactics going on within (?The National Council of Churches, my husband and many members of our Episcopal church have wanted to know the real truth. My minister says the Bishop says nothing is wrong with it. Dan Smoot and many other men have said it is infiltrated by these communistic doctrines which in my language is atheism.

Will you please tell me in clear language what's what with this organization to which practically every Protestant American church contributes part of their pledges.

I will thank you deeply for your definite yes or no answer to my question.

My minister says if I can show him any body's word besides hate mongers (which he claims Dan Smoot to be) and "crack pots" trying to make money, he will listen to me.

You are the only one I know whose word he would accept as being authentic. He (the minister) is a former salesman and a very successful one.

Thank you again for your kind & immediate reply.

Yours truly

/s/

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

After reading extensively  
last year and also concerning redefinition  
of communist strategy, and tactics going  
on under the National Council of Churches,  
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says the Bishop says nothing is  
wrong with it. Wainwright and  
many other men have read it as  
inspired by these communististic dictators  
which is very dangerous in this world.

Will you please tell me in  
clear language what's what?

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contributes part of their pledges.

I will thank you deeply for your  
definite yes or no answer to my  
question.

My minutes say if I can show  
him any ledger card besides that money  
ledger he claims (can sweet & be) and  
"crack pots" trying to make money, he  
will listen to me.

You are the only one I know who  
would be willing to accept an "being authentic"  
He (the minister) as a former  
missionary was a very successful one.

Thank you again for the quick  
immediate reply.

Yours truly,  
[Redacted]

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February 20, 1961

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter was received on February 10, 1961, and I want to thank you for your comments about the work of this Bureau.

I am enclosing some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you. You will notice that some of these publications give suggestions regarding what citizens can do to combat this menace. We do not, however, maintain a mailing list for the distribution of this material, and it is suggested if you wish to reprint any of these items for wide dissemination that you also secure permission from the editors of any publications in which the articles may have originally appeared. "The Ave Maria" is published by Ave Maria Press, Publishers, Notre Dame, Indiana, and "Christianity Today" is published by Christianity Today, Publishers, Washington Building, 15th and G Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C. "The American Legion Magazine" is published at 720 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

I have written a book about communism in America and how to fight it which is entitled "Masters of Deceit." This book was written with the hope that it would be an easy-to-read primer for students and others who are interested in learning about the communist menace. You can probably get a copy from your local library.

Inasmuch as this Bureau did not prepare or disseminate the Air Force Manual, I cannot be of assistance to you. It is suggested that you correspond directly with the Air Force regarding it. Included in the material I am forwarding are several items relative to allegations made by a member of the National Council of Churches against the House Un-American Activities Committee and the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Enclosures (11)**

**2 newspaper articles**

**Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality**

**God and Country or Communism?**

**Struggle on a New Plane**

**Introduction 3-60 LEB & 17th National Convention, CP, USA**

**Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion**

**Where Do We Stand Today With Communism in the US?**

**Communist Party, USA (Ave Maria)**

**What You Can Do To Fight Communism**

**Communist Target--Youth**

**NOTE: Correspondent wrote to the Bureau in 1954 regarding the newspaper "Common Sense." He was thanked for his interest in writing. (105-9621-161)**  
**Correspondent's name is not being added to the Special Correspondents' List**  
**Correspondent requests a "blanket" approval to reprint any material he receives.**

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Febr. 7, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

This is to express to you my sincere appreciation for the wonderful work you are doing in guarding our land against Communism. Keep up the good work.

I have been asked to prepare a special, authentic report for our next Church Board meeting on March 6. I will appreciate any help you can give me by way of documented evidence of Communist conspiracy in America, especially in those cases where it has infiltrated our Churches, or the National Council of Churches.

Is it true that the National Council of Churches has advocated the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee? Do you have copies of the controversial Air Force Manual that would be available to us? Are the charges made in the Manual authentic?

I would appreciate an early answer to these questions along with suggestions as to how we should proceed to guard against infiltration in our local communities. Do you have books that you have personally written on the subject, how much are they, and where may we secure them?

We are also interested in forming a Christian Patriots organization in our community to function and a study group. We would be happy to receive at any time news of late developments that we should know about. I would like to be free to discuss and publish any and all materials received. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter dated February 9, 1961, and your kind comments are indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am enclosing some literature concerning the menace of communism, available for general distribution by the FBI, which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent. Correspondent is concerned over the gains of communism in the US, particularly in the religious field. He questions the reliability of sources which indicate communist infiltration "into religious circles," particularly the National Council of Churches. He requested information regarding this infiltration and expresses a wish to expose it.

For the past several years, allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although no investigation has been conducted by the Bureau, we have kept abreast of CP efforts to infiltrate this organization through our investigations of the CP. It does not appear that the CP is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The following material was forwarded to the correspondent:

1. "The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals"
2. "God and Country or Communism?"
3. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion"
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism"

[REDACTED]  
February 9, 1961.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a Minister, I have been greatly disturbed lately over the progress of Communism in the United States, especially the headway it seems to be making in the field of religion.

I have access to several sources of information concerning Communist infiltration into religious circles, especially into the National Council Of Churches. I am wondering how reliable all of this information is, however.

I wonder if you could furnish me some information concerning Communist infiltration into religion in America, or if you could suggest some reliable sources of this information. I feel this thing needs to be exposed, but I want genuine proof to back up what I say.

I will be grateful for any assistance you can give me in this matter. Please accept my gratitude for the work the F.B.I. is doing in unmasking the ungodly and despotic threat of Communism.

Sincerely Yours,  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 12, 1961, has been received, and I wish to thank you for your good wishes.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Enclosures (6)
- God and Country or Communism?
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- The Communists Are After Our Minds
- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- Where Do We Stand Today With Communism In The United States
- One Nation's Response to Communism

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- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
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- Mr. Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

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**NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies of the NCCC. (100-50869)**

TRUE COPY

Feb 12, 1961

Dear Mr Hoover,

[REDACTED]

The Dallas Morning News recently ran your articles on Christianity & Communism and they were of great interest and help to me. Our Sunday School class or [REDACTED] Presbyterian Church is studying this using "A Christian's Handbook on Communism" put out by The National Council of The Churches of Christ in The U. S. A. A friend said the Nat l Council was "Communist" or at best "Communist infiltrated." Also the Freedom Forum were "witch hunting." What do your investigations show? Do you know these organizations to be Communist infiltrated? I had thought them to be above reproach. Could this just be adverse propaganda?

Would surely appreciate any information on this.

I hope you continue in the best of health, Mr. Hoover. I know I feel safer knowing you are about our Country's business.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

The Dallas Morning News recently  
had your articles on Christianity  
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great interest and help to me. Our  
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A friend said the Nat'l Council  
was "Communist" as well as  
"Communist infiltrated". Also the  
Freedom Council were "milk-kneading".

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infiltrated? I had thought  
them to be above reproach.  
Could this just be adverse  
propaganda?

Would surely appreciate  
any information on this.

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I hope you continue in  
the future with Mr. Lerner &  
Lerner - I feel paper - printing  
and about our country's  
business.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]



February 15, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter was received on February 9, 1961.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by this Bureau on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (8)

- What You Can Do To Fight Communism
- Series from: Christianity Today
- God and Country or Communism?
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- Director's Speech 10-18-60
- One Nation's Response to Communism
- Communist Target--Youth
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Letter to [REDACTED]

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**NOTE:** For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.  
(100-50869)

TRUE COPY

February 6, 1961  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would sincerely appreciate any information you could mail to me pertaining to the members, leaders, aims, and viewpoints of the National Council of Churches any and un-American activities of this organization.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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February 6, 1961

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would sincerely appreciate any information you could mail to me pertaining to the members, leaders, aims, and requests of the National Council of Churches and its American activities of this organization.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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February 10, 1961

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 4, 1961, was received as Mr. Hoover was leaving the city.

He asked that I advise you that the FBI has never made any public statement with respect to communist penetration of the organization you mentioned. Also, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, public or private organization. You should not fear as the result of either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed are several items setting forth Mr. Hoover's views on communism which he asked that I send you.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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**Enclosures**

**One Nation's Response to Communism**

**3-60 Intro to LEB with 17th National Convention CP USA**

**Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality**

**The American Legion speech 10-18-60**

**Communist Target--Youth**

**Expose of Soviet Espionage**

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Mr. T. Moore	/
Mr. Rosen	/
Mr. Sullivan	/
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Mr. Holloman	/
Miss Gandy	/

February 4, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Trying to tell the intelligensia that the F. B. I. and J. Edgar Hoover have evidence to the effect that Communists have penetrated into the National Council of Churches is a losing proposition. They do not believe it. They think some one-sided crackpots are stirring up the issue.

If we cannot quote you, we might as well quote no one.

Would you give me a statement on the above proposition. Of course, all church groups could be included to some extent.

I will appreciate so much any consideration you give this request.

Very sincerely yours

/s/ [Redacted Signature]

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February 4, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D.C.


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Of course, all church groups  
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I will appreciate so much any  
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Very sincerely yours  


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1 - Mr. Simpson

February 10, 1961

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter dated February 2, 1961, and your kind comment is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am, therefore, precluded from commenting on the organization you mentioned; however, you should not infer that our files do or do not contain information regarding this organization.

I am enclosing some literature, available for general distribution by the FBI, which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent congratulates the Director on the fine job he is doing in exposing subversive elements. She states it has been called to her attention that the National Council of Churches is a communist front organization and inquires if we can furnish any proof of this. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

We have received allegations for a number of years that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. We have not investigated this organization; however, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP. It does not appear that the CP is dictating the policies of this organization today... (100-50869)

The following items of literature were furnished the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth"
2. "America - Freedom's Champion"
3. "One Nation's Response to Communism"
4. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960. "To All Law Enforcement Officials"
5. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America"

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February 2, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to congratulate you on the fine job you are doing in exposing subversive elements.

It has been called to my attention that the National Council of Churches is a Communist Front Organization. Can you give me any proof of this?

I would certainly appreciate a prompt reply. Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
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February 8, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter was received on January 31, 1961, and I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtful message concerning the work being done by the FBI.

In response to your request, it is a pleasure to enclose a copy of my remarks before the National Convention of The American Legion last October, together with other publications on the subject of communism available for general distribution by this Bureau which you may find of interest.

With reference to your other inquiry, I must inform you that the function and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Director's Speech 10-18-60

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Letter to [REDACTED]

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**NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)**

[REDACTED]  
Jan. 27th 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.  
Dear Sir:

I thank God for a man like you and wish we had more men like you in this country.

My family and myself pulled away from our church and several of our friends went with us, because they were going with the National Council of Churches, we understand that the fronts of this group are Communist, and we went no part of it. Do you have anything on this?

Would you send me a copy of the address you gave at the last American Legion Convention.

Thanking you in advance,  
Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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February 3, 1961

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received the letter from you and your husband dated January 26, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Enclosures (6)
- God and Country or Communism
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- 17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB
- Communist Party, USA
- Expose of Soviet Espionage
- Communist Target--Youth

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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
Jan. 26, 1961

Federal Bureau Investg.  
Washington DC.

Dear sir,

We are a newly organized Reformed Church in [REDACTED] and have to make a decision whether to join in with the organization and activities of the National Council of Churches which operates also on a statewide and local level. Many of our members are opposed to it because of the statements they have read & reports heard from such men as Billy Harges that the National Council is directed & managed by men who are working in the hands of communism. However, if the National Council is truly working for the good of Christianity and Freedom we as well as most of our constituency want to join in the great world movement. Could you give us some honest facts & clear statements about the National Council & its management so that we may know if and when we join, that we are not playing in the hands of communism. If some of the statements made on radio & in print regarding the National Council are true, I doubt very much that any of our churches in [REDACTED] would want to belong to it. As it is most of them do belong to Fed. Council. However many of us wonder how so many insinuations on their N. Council's communistic leanings can be made openly if there is not a grain of truth to it.

Very sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

P. S. I have already written inquiries of this kind into the leaders of our denomination but they discount any insinuations against the National Council. As a denomination we already belong to it.

Relief Bureau Inquiry  
Washington D.C.

Jan. 26, 1961

Dear sir,

We are a newly organized Reformed Church in [redacted] and have to make a decision whether to join in with the organization and activities of the ~~Federal~~ <sup>National</sup> Council of Churches which operates also on a statewide and local level. Many of our members are opposed to it because of the statements they have read & reports heard from such men as Billy Hager that the ~~Federal~~ <sup>National</sup> Council is directed & managed by men who are working in the hands of Communism. However, if the ~~Federal~~ <sup>National</sup> Council is truly working for the good of <sup>100-50367-557</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>18 FEB 1961</sup> Brotherhood and Freedom we as well as most of our constituency want to join in the great world movement. Could you give

CORRESPONDENCE

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a grain of truth to it.

Very sincerely,  
[redacted]

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they discount any incursions <sup>into the</sup>  
National Council. As a denomination we <sup>already</sup> belong to it.

UNITED STATES GOV

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 30, 1961

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Tolson	_____
Walters	_____
Belmont	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Ingram	_____
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*Jan*  
*1/30/61*  
*[Handwritten initials]*

Late on the afternoon of Friday, January 27, I received a call from [REDACTED] who stated she had been commissioned by her church to get the real facts and specific information concerning the National Council of Churches. [REDACTED] stated that she had obtained some information but could not find the specific information which she wanted. She wondered whether I could be of any help and furnish her any information. She was told that the matter would be checked and that she would be called back.

I later called [REDACTED] back and told her that the FBI had never investigated the National Council of Churches as such, and, accordingly, we could not furnish her any specific information from our files. I did take occasion to point out that much had been written and was already in the public realm. I referred her to the annual report for 1960 of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and particularly page 37. I also mentioned that undoubtedly the hearing in connection with the Air Force Training Manual some months ago would also be of interest. Mention was also made of the book by Edgar C. Bundy, "Collectivism in the Churches." [REDACTED] thoroughly understands that the FBI does not vouch for these publications, and that they were mentioned to her only as a courtesy to her.

In talking to [REDACTED] she expressed an interest in Bureau material concerning communism and religion, and was sent without cover letter copies of the following: "God and Country or Communism?" (reprint from Christianity Today, Fall of 1960); "Communist Party, USA," (reprint of Ave Maria 4-30-60); "Communism--The Bitter Enemy of Religion," (reprint from Christianity Today 6-22-59).

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January 30, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter was received on January 23, 1961, and I can appreciate your deep concern about the communist menace. Enclosed are publications which you may find of assistance, and additional copies of these reprints can be sent you without charge, if desired.

In response to your inquiry, the film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives, and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy, we cannot, therefore, make any comments with respect to it. May I suggest that you consider contacting the Committee directly in this regard in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

I am including in the material forwarded a copy of "Communist Target--Youth," a detailed account prepared by this Bureau of the highly organized tactics employed by the Communist Party in the California demonstrations against the House Committee on Un-American Activities. An analysis of this report will show its purpose was not to defend the activities of the House Committee nor does it cast doubt on the motivation or loyalty of American youth. It is intended rather as urgent encouragement to young people to learn the true nature of this malevolent threat, and, armed with that knowledge, to resist being duped into unlawful and unthinking action.

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[REDACTED]

With reference to your other inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibility of the FBI does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the group you named.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (7)

God and County or Communism?

Director's speech 10-18-60

Press Release 12-22-60

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Communist Menace: Red Goals & Christian Ideals

Communist Target--Youth

Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
January 17, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Justice Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Incalculable harm is being done in our area by a film which is being distributed and shown by church, school and civic groups. The film is entitled "Operation Abolition", and deals with the student demonstrations of May 1960 against the House Un-American Activities Committee's refusal to publish sources of its information about persons subpoenaed to testify publicly in a San Francisco hearing. The students were exercising their lawful right as citizens, and had taken careful precautions against being infiltrated by communists. They were, according to the news releases, provoked beyond their ability to maintain their self-imposed discipline, and some nasty incidents with the police followed. I am sure you are already well aware of the details.

My concern is not in defense of the students. They apparently did what they should not have done.

My concern is the film. According to several documented sources (i.e., the HUAC chief investigator for the west coast, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Oakland Tribune and the New York Times) the film contains several inaccuracies and distortions which leave a false and dangerous impression.

Its effect upon some audiences in our state often are fascistic. This cannot be true Americanism.

The committee's refusal to publish sources of information about people who are subpoenaed seems to me to be a violation of decency and fair play. Unsubstantiated charges by undocumented sources is a smear tactic that does more harm to our American way of life than most of the people who are hauled before the Committee.

If this tactic should reach major proportions in our country it would force many to have to choose between Communism and Fascism, neither of which are compatible with our American ideal of free, democratic and representative government.

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Many of us who minister on behalf of Christ's Church find ourselves in "hot water" with some citizens who have been provoked to hostility by the film. Since we are on the "firing line" here in East Texas where the film is being shown with some surprisingly fascistic results, would you please do me

the courtesy of sending me any information you have concerning the film. Has it been doctored to give a false impression, or not? If so, would you please let me know how the film is edited to portray what is not in fact the truth?

Secondly, I would like to have a word from you with regard to the National Council of Churches. Repeated charges by persons who seem to me to be uninformed about the basic purpose of the NCC leave the impression that the organization is a Communist front enterprise.

My entire congregation is presently involved in a study of "What We Must Know About Communism", and your help in the two matters above will greatly help us. We are especially eager not to "brand" someone irresponsibly. We are equally eager to bear a good witness for our Lord as good Americans.

Sincerely,  
  




January 25, 1961

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 16, 1961, has been received, and it was indeed kind of you to comment so favorably concerning my administration of this Bureau.

In response to your inquiry, on occasions I have made statements concerning the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate our religious institutions. These statements have been concerned with the over-all communist program of attempting to infiltrate all mass-type organizations which, of course, include our churches. You might desire to obtain a copy of my book, "Masters of Deceit," from your public library. On pages 324-326, you will find my position on this matter further detailed.

I regret that I am unable to be of further assistance to you concerning the matter of your inquiry. In carrying out its investigative responsibilities, the FBI does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. I am enclosing some literature which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**Enclosures**

**Director's speeches of 10-3-60, 10-18-60**  
**Series from Christianity Today**  
**Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion**  
**Communist Target--Youth**  
**Expose of Soviet Espionage**

**NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED]**  
**[REDACTED]**

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. McGuire	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

[REDACTED]

January 16, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I feel that this letter is an imposition on your limited time, but I feel that it is important.

There have been many charges and accusations of communism being made against the National Council of Churches and various ministers of outstanding leadership.

These accusations have sifted down to some very sincere people within the local churches who have become greatly disturbed about communism among the men of the Christian ministry. Some literature was brought to my attention about Dr. Paul Lehman of Harvard University who is to lecture at Austin Seminary in Austin, Texas, sometime next month. The substance of the material is that he has communistic views, and he is not a fit person to address the students of our colleges and seminaries.

I feel that you could do a great service to the people of the Christian church and to us ministers who respect the integrity of men in our profession if you could give some pertinent facts about the National Council of Churches and the general charges made about the Christian ministry so far as communism or communistic tendencies are concerned.

May I add my personal appreciation to you for the great service you have rendered your country in these past many years. In a time when Gestapo and Secret Police, etc., have been prevalent throughout the world, it has been a privilege for us Americans to have had a man of your integrity as head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Thanking you for your kindness, I remain

Cordially yours,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

JAN 18 1961

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-50869)

DATE: 1/23/61

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (105-1021)

SUBJECT: CHINESE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION  
OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
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As soon as received, the material will be furnished to the Bureau.

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by routing slip for \_\_\_\_\_  
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date \_\_\_\_\_  
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January 23, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of January 13, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

*John*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (5)

- God and Country or Communism?
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- One Nation's Response to Communism
- What You Can Do To Fight Communism
- Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

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TRUE COPY

Jan. 13, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I suppose you have recdeved a lot of letters like mine, and truely, I do not want to be a trouble maker. But I feel I must know in my own heart about the accusation against, "The National Council of Churches.

"The World Day of Prayer" is to be held on Feb. 17, 1961. In our town of [REDACTED] 8 Churches are going together to put on a worship program. Half of the offering goes to The National Council of Churches.

I am for this year president of our church group. (Womens Fellowship) which is a missionary study group. and in a responsible position to see that our Churches part goes well.

I feel I cannot give this my support if it is Communist. I have talked with my minister and expressed my feelings. He says I will be a trouble maker, by asking questions and exciting people over something that is not true. and I fully realize this.

I know Communism works on your minds, and in no way do I want to further there work.

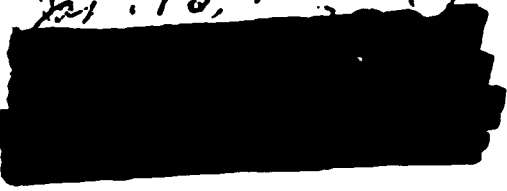
Please, can you help me to know what is truth and what is false.

Thank you,

/s/ [REDACTED]

1/13/61  
PMS

Jan. 13, 1961



NATIONAL COUNCIL  
OF CHURCHES

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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work

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know what is truth and what  
is false.

Thank You,

[Redacted signature]



1 - Mr. Simpson

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100-50869-531

January 18, 1961

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter postmarked January 9, 1961, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting in any manner concerning the organization you mentioned.

There are enclosed several items of literature concerning the menace of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read. There is no charge for this material and I am, therefore, returning your personal check, Number 220, dated January 9, 1961, in the amount of \$1, payable to this Bureau, which you so thoughtfully enclosed with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (6)

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent, in a rather lengthy letter, discusses a controversy within her Methodist Church involving the dismissal of a man and his wife who had been heads of a home for the aged. There is no allegation of communism concerning their dismissal, and correspondent has apparently referred to it to indicate the disillusionment of the church members with the heads of the church. She requests, however, that the Bureau furnish her with "any and all factual information concerning the National Council of Churches and the true basic beliefs and operations thereof."

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
3. "America - Freedom's Champion."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
5. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

[REDACTED]  
The P. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. of Columbia

Enclosed is a translation in the usual  
English in which you would like to receive  
an official statement concerning the  
National Council of Churches and the  
American Bible Society and operations thereof.

The mission or purpose of the Methodist  
Church originally was "to bring to bear upon  
all human life the spirit and principles  
of Jesus," but later since (rule books)  
and little continuing evidence, we went  
to corroborate the errors by the Billy Hargis  
and the like, Kansas, etc., etc., that  
linked down via a number of Communist party  
and other activities which are  
being being carried by the Methodist Church  
in the form, which is said to be a source of  
many who believe the virgin birth of Jesus  
and discuss the Bible and other matters.

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dismissed. Over 1500  
a petition implying  
disference with such  
teachers (Alice had made  
her love and great  
providing for physical  
work in the nation  
anyone who did better).  
Previously, the Board  
gives a raise because  
fine job and were  
underpaid. ( )  
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( ) and Council  
( ) Dear very devoted  
represented a group  
took the petition up, but  
to be heard or to sit in  
The meeting closed the  
saying, "I'll take care of  
everything will be all  
teachers were reinstated,  
a hard-boiled matron from  
institutions (our Rev  
to Norfolk 2 years ago!)  
with guests and they  
with exception of me  
being, happy through  
Oct. 1.

when Alice and Allen were  
fired from their duties, many  
from Missouri have complained  
near by. Bishop, Rev. Kenneth (England  
and Rev. Betty, head of State Dept  
of Home, but no response. I understand  
from the answer for Jackson  
Omaha Methodist District Dept. of the  
their official board members, which  
greatly annoyed many. The majority of  
wonder how low Bible had given  
copies all over the state to U.S.C.D.  
Bible, who love his people. This, noting  
the Home District minister with several  
and reason leading to this action,  
and noting the deletion of the 14th  
verse of the chapter of Colossians from  
the New Testament Bible, and perhaps  
there are others, an interested group  
of our church members desire the  
true facts on the religious scene  
nationally and have not noted any  
Omaha Herald-Herald article on S.B.I.  
reported many of our Sunday School teach-  
ers. I want to know why we are teaching  
only hobbies and crafts and not any  
Bible instruction for the younger children  
of our Church. I feel that it is time for  
humble distinction of our race and not to be  
diminished by our faith, but to be a witness.

P.S. [redacted] has given a [redacted]  
sermon which was [redacted]  
well liked by [redacted] but [redacted]  
believe in what [redacted] [redacted]  
if [redacted] had [redacted] [redacted]  
we would like to [redacted]  
to handle this matter and [redacted]  
steps to take with the [redacted]  
congregation which meets [redacted]  
[redacted] towards [redacted] [redacted]  
And certainly no one is to [redacted] [redacted]  
any scriptures of [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]  
(See, "From a [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]  
Holy Scriptures, which are able to [redacted]  
wise [redacted] salvation" if we study them  
and abide by those [redacted] admonitions,  
just the [redacted] we should be [redacted]  
to obey the laws of the land in which  
we live - to build fine character and  
live happily after the spirit. [redacted] [redacted]  
of knowledge of God is hidden from the public  
([redacted] is the tendency) [redacted] [redacted]  
certainly flourish as our moral standards  
lower. And an atheistic society, whether  
due to Communist infiltration or high places  
or to corruption of leaders wanting to [redacted]  
not [redacted] the [redacted] of Christian principles,  
is something [redacted] [redacted] [redacted].

REC-15 100-50867-530 January 16, 1961

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked January 6, 1961, has been received, and your generous remark is sincerely appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information relative to your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Enclosures (6)
- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- 17th National Convention CP, USA
- One Nation's Response to Communism
- 10-18-60 Speech
- What You Can Do To Fight Communism
- Expose of Soviet Espionage

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**TRUE COPY**

**Dear Mr. Hoover,**

**I am deeply interested in the National Council of Churches in the United States. If there is Communist infiltration in said Council, will you please send information on such to:**



**"Thank You" for any material you may send to me.**

**May God richly bless you in your work.**

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am deeply interested in the National Council of Churches in the United States.

If there is Communist infiltration in said Council, will you please send information on such to:

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Thank you for any material you may send to me.

May God richly bless you in your work

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REC-22

100-50869-529

January 16, 1961

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 9, 1961, has been received, and I certainly appreciate your comments regarding the work being done by this Bureau.

This Bureau does not prepare or maintain a list such as you described. You may obtain a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by writing to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use. I hope you will not, however, infer that we do or do not have information regarding the organization you mentioned. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which is available for distribution.

Sincerely yours,

E. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Enclosures (6)**

**God and Country or Communism**

**How to fight communism**

**Struggle on a New Plane**

**Where do we stand today with communism in the U. S.**

**Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals**

**Communist Party, USA**

**NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC.**

[REDACTED]

January 9, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We would greatly appreciate your sending us a list of Communist front organizations in this country.

We would also like to have a report of the Communist activities of the National Council of Churches and a list of clergymen who are known members of Communist controlled organizations.

We have been members of The Methodist Church for twenty years, (also members of the Church Board), and believe we are seeing evidence of communism in our literature and from our ministers.

We would like to have this information so that we as a Church might be more alert to the Communist threat to the United States.

We have the greatest respect and admiration for the services which you have rendered our country.

Sincerely yours,

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1 - Mr. Farrow

January 13, 1961

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated January 4, 1961, has been received and I have noted your kind comments.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material on this topic which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he has received literature which contains charges that the National Council of Churches is infiltrated by the communists. In this regard, he refers to the "Dan Smoot Report" and literature received from Circuit Riders, Incorporated. Correspondent states he has the highest regard for the work being done by the Director and expresses the hope that this work will be continued under the new administration. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

(100-50869)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent.

1. "God and Country or Communism?"
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CPUSA."

NOTE ON YELLOW FROM PAGE TWO

4. "America - Freedom's Champion."
5. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
and Preserve America."



TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
January 4, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I have seen literature charging that the National Council of Churches is heavily infiltrated by Communists, possibly to the extent that it is essentially dominated by them. Sources which I have read or seen quoted are the Dan Snoot Report of Dallas, Texas and Circuit Riders, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio, among others. As a Methodist layman, these charges are extremely disturbing to me. If false, they are very damaging to the churches involved, including my own, and therefore are actually aiding Communism. If, on the other hand, there is any truth in them whatever, the situation is more serious than most people in this country can even imagine.

Can you please tell me what truth, if any, there is in these charges? I realize you cannot divulge information concerning specific individuals, but perhaps you can give me some general information on the subject. If the charges are true, I certainly want to do all that I can, as a member of our local church, to begin correcting the situation.

I have the highest regard for the work that you and your organization have been doing in the field of Communism, and certainly hope that you will be allowed to continue it unabated under the new administration. To me, this fight against Communist subversion is overhelmingly more important than chasing labor racketeers, or any of the other duties which your organization performs so well.

Very truly yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

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January 4, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: National Council of the Churches

of Christ  
Recently I have seen literature charging  
that the National Council of Churches is  
heavily infiltrated by Communists, possibly  
to the extent that it is essentially dominated  
by them. Sources which I have read or seen  
quoted are the San Diego Report of Dallas,  
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this country can even imagine.

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Can you please tell me what truth, if any, there is in these charges? I realize you cannot divulge information concerning specific individuals, but perhaps you can give me some general information on the subject. If the charges are true, I certainly want to do all that I can, as a member of our local church, to begin correcting the situation.

I have the highest regard for the work that you and your organization have been doing in the field of Communism, and certainly hope that you will be allowed to continue it, unobstructed under the new administration. To me, this fight against Communist subversion is overwhelmingly more important than changing labor relations, or any of the other duties which your organization performs so well.

Very truly yours,  




January 2, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Internal Security Division  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Would you please tell me if the National Council  
of Churches has been investigated for possible Communist  
infiltration? If it has what has been done to correct this  
situation?

Our family has been Methodist church members for  
many years. However, it seems that some Methodist leaders  
in the United States have been not too unsympathetic to  
the Communist movement. If this is so, we do not care to  
belong to or to support such a group. Will you please con-  
firm this deplorable situation if it is so. How can we  
fight this growing menace in our country?

Thank you for any information you may be able  
to give me.

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Yours truly,

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CORRESPONDENCE

1 - Mr. Tarrow

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100-50867-526

January 5, 1961

EX-172

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated December 19, 1960, has been received, and I have noted your kind comments.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some literature on this topic which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent asks, "Has your organization in its work found that the National Council of Churches, or the Methodist Church, aids and abets the communist cause?" Correspondent states that he has written, on several occasions, his senators and representatives suggesting more effective laws to curb communism. He states that he has great admiration for the Director and asked if there is any course of action ordinary citizens can take with regards to the communist menace. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

In view of the controversial nature of correspondent's inquiry and since he asked specifically for information contained in our files, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interest of the Bureau. Furthermore, it is believed that literature being furnished to the correspondent will answer his question concerning action that can be taken by ordinary citizens in fighting communism.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ has not been investigated by the Bureau and there is no indication in Bureau files that the CP is dictating the policies of this organization. Allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. (100-50869)

The Methodist Church has not been the subject of a Bureau investigation. The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism And Preserve America."
2. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA."
3. "America - Freedom's Champion."
4. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
5. "God And Country Or Communism?"
6. "Communist Illusion And Democratic Reality."

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

[Redacted]  
 Dec. 19, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs,

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I am a Methodist and the Methodist Church is a member of the National Council of Churches. I have read that the National Council of Churches is opposed to the House Un-American Activities Committee and it also strongly supports the admission of Red China to the United Nations.

Has your organization in its work found that the National Council of Churches, or the Methodist Church, aids and abets the communist cause? If there is anything in my church that is soft toward Communism I want to help root it out.

I have written to my Senators and Representatives a number of times in the past few years asking that a realistic attitude be taken toward Communism in this country and that laws be passed to effectively curb their activities. I have always felt that prison terms and fines are no deterrent to a Communist but rather they are considered nothing more than an occupational hazard. I have asked why legislation couldn't be passed to deport communists to Russia. I think this would be very effective in discouraging communist proselyting.

I have the greatest admiration for Chief J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI. If there is some course of action the organization would like for ordinary citizens to take, I would like to know it.

I served my country in the second world war as a pilot and feel I have somewhat of a stake in my country. I don't like to see it fall by forfeit.

Sincerely,

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1 - Mr. Simpson

December 29, 1960

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100-50869-524

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated December 15, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received and your interest in communicating with me is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am unable, therefore, to comply with your request for information.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature on this topic which you may like to read. I am also returning to you the self-addressed stamped envelope which you so thoughtfully enclosed with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has referred to statements made against the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) indicating that persons in leadership capacities have communist front records. She inquired if this is true.

Bufiles indicate that in April, 1960, correspondent requested information of the Bureau concerning an organization which we had not investigated and on which our files contained no derogatory information. Our letter to her at that time advised her that we had not investigated the organization she mentioned.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. We have not conducted an investigation of the NCCC; however, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the CP to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP. It does not appear that the CP is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

Correspondent enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope, which is being returned to her.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth"
2. "One Nation's Response to Communism"
3. "America - Freedom's Champion"
4. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"
5. "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America"

  
Dec. 15, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In a newspaper column article dated Mar. 14, 1960, David Lawrence, under the heading "Are the People Being Told" quotes among others Rep. Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Com on Un-American Activities & then quotes Richard Arrenda, Staff-Director of the Un-American Committee saying

"Thus far of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America we have found more than 100 persons in leadership capacities with either Communist-front records, or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds, as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, & we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow travelers in churches & educational institutions is a complete understatement"

Would you please tell me if this is true?  
I do not want to join any subversively influenced organization.

Sincerely

/s/ 

Dec. 15, 1960

O. Edgar Hoover, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In a newspaper column article dated Mar. 14, 1960, David Lawrence, under the heading "Are The People Being Sold," quotes among others Rep. Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Com on Un-American Activities & then quotes Richard Aronson, Staff Director of the Un-American Committee, saying

"The lack of the leadership of the National Council of Churches & Christ in America we have found more than 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist front records or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds, as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, & we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of long-travelers in churches & educational institutions is a complete understatement."

Would you please tell me if this is true. I do not want to form any universally influenced organization.

Sincerely,

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1 - Mr. Farrow

December 27, 1960

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated December 18, 1960, has been received, and I have noted your kind comments.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. While I would like to be of assistance to you, I am unable to suggest a source from which the information you desire can be obtained.

In view of your concern regarding the communist menace to our country, I am enclosing some material on this topic which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent refers to the March, 1960, "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin" and quotes as follows, "the communists have a savage plan for liquidation for a vanquished America." Correspondent states this being the case, it is his opinion the churches should expose communism but they are still preaching togetherness and brotherhood. He states with this thought in mind the people need to know to what degree the communists have infiltrated our churches and particularly the National Council of Churches. He asks if information concerning communist infiltration of the National Council is available and if so, where and how it can be obtained. Correspondent congratulates the Director on the fine work he is doing and on his reappointment. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years, allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA to infiltrate this organization through our overall investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

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3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
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5. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

December 18, 1960, Sunday

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. McGuire	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Ingram	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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From your March 1, 1960 bulletin to all law enforcement officials may I quote, " the communists have a savage plan for liquidation for a vanquished America."

Such being the case I would think our churches most of all would be exposing the communist doctrine and its liquidation plan.

However, by and large, our churches still preach a togetherness, brotherhood, and I quote from our own church bulletin this morning, " May we learn the meaning of love and how to live in peace with all men everywhere."

Theoretically this is fine; nevertheless unless we are misinformed, co-existence with the U.S.S.R. and communism is not possible nor compatible with the freedom our United States is based upon.

With these thoughts in mind many church people need to know to what degree there is communist infiltration of our churches; particularly the National Council of Churches.

Is this information available to the 40,000,000 members of this National Council? Please let us know where and how it may be obtained.

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Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Congradulations on the fine work you are doing and your re-appointment.

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December 22, 1960

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of December 13, 1960, has been received, and your generous remarks are sincerely appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, as a matter of policy, I am unable to make recommendations of the nature you requested in your letter. I hope you will understand my position. Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Enclosures (6)
- Director's 10-18-60 speech
- 3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
- Communist Target--Youth
- Expose of Soviet Espionage
- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- One Nation's Response to Communism

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December fifteenth  
Nineteen sixty.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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This group of men wants a complete and thorough investigation of the National Council of Churches and we are asking for your help and advice on the best way to go about getting this done.

We are willing to circulate petitions, write letters, or any thing you suggest.

We are very grateful to you for the work you have already done to stop Communism.

Please tell us who to write or send our petitions to. Also do you think the John Birch Society is one of the best anticommunist organizations we have.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Farrow

December 21, 1960

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated December 10, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am enclosing some material on the topic of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you. However, in response to your request for information based upon Congressional hearings, I suggest that you may desire to communicate with the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Corner North Capitol and H Streets, N.W., Washington 25, D. C., who is in a position to advise you whether or not material pertinent to your inquiry is available.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent, a college senior, advises that he is "debating that there is Communism In Our Churches and in the National Council of Churches." He states that he would appreciate some factual information concerning this topic including information from Congressional hearings. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

For a number of years, allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

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2. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"
4. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
5. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin,"  
March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention  
of the CPUSA."
6. "America - Freedom's Champion."
7. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and  
Preserve America."

[REDACTED]

December 10, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director FBI  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover & Staff,

I am a senior at Montana State College and am debating that there is Communism In Our Churches and in the National Council of Churches. I would appreciate some factual information such as congressional hearings on this topic and any other information which you may have on hand. I need this information by the first of January if possible.

Sincerely,

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1 - Mr. Arrow

December 21, 1960

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated December 12, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature on this topic which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent requests information concerning the National Council of Churches (NCC). She states that she has recently read ~~the~~ a pamphlet published by the American Council of Christian Churches which indicates that many individuals associated with the NCC belong to communist front organizations. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply and the literature being sent to the correspondent will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

For a number of years, allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

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5. "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."



[REDACTED]  
December 19, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Request for information on  
National Council of Churches

Sir:

I am a Methodist who has been watching with great interest the activities being held in San Francisco sponsored by the National Council of Churches. I have read all news items published in the San Francisco News and Journal and find them very disturbing to me. However, I wish to know the facts before jumping to conclusions, hence this letter.

I recently came in possession of a pamphlet published by the American Council of Christian Churches, 15 Park Row, New York 33, New York, which lists many Communist fronts claimed to be a part of the National Council of Churches. This pamphlet listed many Bishops and other high persons in the Methodist Church as being a part of these "fronts".

I will greatly appreciate anything you may wish to concerning the National Council of Churches or the American Council of Christian Churches or any Communist connections with the Methodist Church if any exists.

These are indeed strenuous times in which we live and I think every American should keep themselves informed and do whatever they can to best serve our precious country and stop the spread of Communism in any and every way possible. It is a frightening thing to think of any church or organization being used in such a way. What is the best way for a church member to know these things?

Sincerely,

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he belongs to the Methodist Church which is a member of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC). He has heard that some of the officials of the NCCC are communists and inquires if this is true. He also inquires whether there are any Methodists who are communists and whether "they are trying to undermine our Christian beliefs." He states he formerly worked for the FBI for about two years. He ends his letter "Wishing you God's Continued blessing in this coming Holy Season."

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

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3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
5. "America - Freedom's Champion."
6. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

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[REDACTED]  
Dec 4, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of the F.B.I.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you to ask some questions which have bothered me very much lately.

I belong to the Methodist Church, which is a member of the National Council of Churches.

More and more we hear of there being members in the upper brackets of this church organization who are communist. Is this true sir? And are there any Methodist that are? Are they trying to undermine our Christian beliefs?

I realize there are very questions but necessary I believe to true Methodist.

Some members of our church are getting very upset by some preaching by certain ministers, who say leading Methodist such as Methodist Bishops are communist, since I am a member of this belief I would like to know if some of the leaders of our faith are such.

Thank you for any help you can give us.

As you recognize from the name I had the privilege of working for you for about two years.

Wishing you God's Continued blessing in this coming Holy Season.

Sincerely

/s/ [REDACTED]

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the upper brackets of this Church Organization  
who are Communists. Is this true or not? and  
are there any Methodists that are? are they  
trying to undermine our Christian beliefs?

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I understand you are a very busy man  
but a copy of it will be sent to the true Methodist.

Some members of our Church are getting very  
restless by the preaching of Communism  
and are saying nothing is true.

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community and I am a member of this  
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Thank you for any help you can give  
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two years.

Wishes you Gods continued blessing in  
this coming Holy season.

Sincerely,  


December 12, 1960

Editor  
Farm and Ranch Magazine  
Box 1230  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

In the morning mail I received in one of your envelopes (addressed by hand) and called to my personal attention, a series of items, all of which were addressed to the subject of irresponsibly accusing and indicting the National Council of Churches, and with a view to destroying confidence in the churches who participate through the National Council of Churches, et cetera, et cetera.

I have known Farm and Ranch Magazine for many years. Many, many of your subscribers have been among my friends for more than a quarter of a century. From time to time they call articles to my attention. Recently I have had an item or two attributed to one of your writers called to my attention, the gist of which was to smear our Denomination, and the National Council of Churches, to destroy the confidence of people in the church, and to create a division among the people.

The interesting thing is that these articles not only cause innocent and sincere people to raise questions about the church, it has caused them to raise questions about Farm and Ranch Magazine.

The excuse for writing these things and for discriminating the kind of material which came to me this morning, apparently is to "protect our country against Communism" et cetera, et cetera. Now, of course I am interested in protecting our country from within and from without against Communism in every form. I am also interested in converting every Communist to Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. I have been studying and fighting against and speaking against the particular Russian type of Communism for many, many years. I know their methods of infiltration and annexation. History will show that in every country where the Communists have been able to take over, their first step was to discredit the church, to sow suspicion about its leaders and finally to divide it by getting a group of people to attack the "old line" or "dominant" church group in that particular country for being "Communist". When all the while the whole campaign was promoted by the Communists themselves. I do not believe your magazine, however unwittingly, wishes to be a party to this kind of a campaign.

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My position and the position of my Denomination, is that if anybody (including one of your writers) knows for a fact or has dependable evidence that any member of this country, particularly any church leader in this country, is a known card carrying member of the Communist Party, or is a member of any Communist organization, or front

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organization for the Communists", he owes it to our church, to the church in general, and to the United States of America, to go immediately with his facts and with his evidence, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to the court of jurisdiction in the matter. If he has such information, and doesn't do that, then he is disloyal to his country. If he has no such information as that, and continues to speak ~~aright~~ <sup>OR WRITE</sup> in such an irresponsible, reflective, divisive, and "indictment by suspicion" manner, then it seems as though what his connections are and what is really motivating him.

I am sure you realize that it is not enough for some radio racketeer in religion or a je-june jingoistic journalist to attack your magazine, and accuse it of being a part of the great Communist front movement in the United States of America. You would pay little attention to that. If such unfounded and unsupported accusations get annoying enough, or costly enough to you and your organization, you would probably welcome immediate and full investigation by the F.B.I., or by the duly constituted authorities and courts of jurisdiction. You would probably wonder what was really motivating your assailants. In other words, if you were accused of un-American activities, you would welcome being investigated in a truly American manner, but you would probably ignore any un-American attempts or groups trying to investigate you for alleged un-American activities. Frankly sir, that is our position at the moment, with reference to the kind of stuff I received from your magazine this morning.

I wasn't sure you as Editor of Farm and Ranch magazine, were fully aware of the implications and involvement toward which your magazine was drifting. The past history of the integrity of your magazine and my knowledge of the former respect it commanded among hundreds of my friends in the Farm and Ranch country, prompted me to write you this friendly letter.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Dr. Ray Harvink  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Dr. Eugene Carson Blake



1 - Mr. Farrow

December 13, 1960

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated November 30, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the information you have requested or recommending any course of action to be followed.

It is always gratifying to receive letters from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing this country and a sincere desire to prepare themselves to meet the communist challenge to our freedom. In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some literature which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent, in a lengthy letter, expresses his concern regarding the communist menace with particular emphasis on communist activity in churches. He asks for information concerning the National Council of Churches or a source from which he can obtain information concerning this organization. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

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5. "America - Freedom's Champion."
6. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

November 30, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.


Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a married man with two children. Recently, we visited my family in the San Francisco Bay area, and I was very proud to find that my mother and three sisters have taken a great interest in communistic activities in that area. Their concern and interest awakened me, and this is why I am writing you. My relatives in California have taken a special interest in the UnAmerican Activities riot in San Francisco; the amount of activity in the Episcopal Church, of which we are all active church members; and they also are especially disappointed in the presiding Bishop in San Francisco, who seems to be endorsing activities which are contradictory to the beliefs which we have been taught. They were well informed on ideas that have been uncovered on the above-mentioned subjects. I am now very interested in doing what I can to fight communism in this area.

Having lived here most of my life, I would seriously doubt if there are any major problems in this small town; however, the Episcopal Church in the United States appears to have a very serious problem, so I would like to start at the bottom. If my church can be interested after a proper approach, perhaps our Church could be effective in Southern California. I have no idea how to go about approaching this subject, but a good friend of mine is on the Board of Trustees, and I have discussed the matter with him. He has shown a great amount of interest in doing something about this within the church. Would it be possible for you to direct us to the proper organizations that could bring us up to date on the amount of activity there is within our church, so that we can make a study of this. As you probably know, the Episcopal Church is a member of the National Council of Churches, from which I understand is not a desirable organization for any protestant church to be a member of. Any information that I can be directed to should also contain information on organizations of this sort. 517

I understand that some progress has been made in the Parent-Teachers Association, and I would like any information that would give me background on this type of organization. I am especially interested in this, as my wife at the present time, is President of a local P.T.A. for a school where my children attend, and anything I can do to further the cause of this group and rid it of any problems, would be a great contribution.

Also, the Santa Barbara branch of the University of California is located here, and having graduated from this school, I would like to feel that it is free of teachers and instructors and text-books that would endorse any communistic thinking.



Therefore, if I could have any information that would help me as to how to detect any such tendencies, it would be greatly appreciated.

As you can tell from my correspondence, I am in the Life Insurance business, and have been in this business for ten years. This, I think, is one of the greatest expressions of economic security in this country, and can help an individual express his freedom in our economy.

This letter has been particularly difficult to write, as I am a novice in writing the Bureau. I do want to be of help in eliminating such a horrible philosophy as communism without exposing my family to any hardships, but would like to be doing something about the problem.

Sincerely  


1 - Mr. Farrow

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December 9, 1960

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated November 29, 1960, has been received and I have noted your kind comments.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

It was kind of you to send me Christmas greetings. I hope your Holiday Season will be enjoyable.

I am enclosing some literature on the topic of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, in a lengthy letter, refers to articles written by Fulton Lewis, Jr., well-known news commentator in which he points out Communist Party (CP) front activity on the part of Reverend Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. Correspondent also mentions a radio broadcast by Lewis in which he states that Methodist Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles had appealed to the Democratic National Convention to include in their platform a plank favoring abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Correspondent asks if this information is true and she also asks for the Director's opinion concerning the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC). She asks God's blessing for the Director in his work and wishes him a Merry Christmas. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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"God And Country Or Communism?"

"Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

Reprint from the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin,"  
March, 1960, "To All Law Enforcement Officials."

"America - Freedom's Champion."

"What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve  
America."

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[REDACTED]  
Nov. 29, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D. C.  
Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been a Sunday School teacher for many years. I am a member of the United Church (Congregational-Methodist United) of [REDACTED]. Our church has become associated with the National Council of Churches.

Recently I read an article from "Washington Report By Fulton Lewis Jr." that was photographed from Galesburg Register-Mail, Galesburg, written Dec. 19, 1957.

Mr. Lewis said that the Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg, now president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., as early as 1942, was affiliated with the "Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder."

A year later the Rev. Mr. Dahlberg joined a group of Communist fronters in signing an open letter to President Roosevelt, protesting an order for the deportation of Harry Bridges as an alien Communist.

In 1946, his name appeared on the letterhead of the National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism.

In 1951 he was an initiating sponsor of the National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act - the Internal Security Act of 1950. In 1952 the Daily Worker listed him as a signer of another petition to the same end. In 1953 he was listed as signing another similar petition, addressed to President Eisenhower.

In August 1957 "The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" lists Dahlberg as a signer of a petition in Sobell's behalf.

Is this so? If it is, what do you think of the National Council of Churches to choose him as their President?

Fulton Lewis, Jr. in broadcast from Washington, D. C. July 5, 1960 said: Council of Churches: If you are a Protestant and one of the 39 million Americans whom the National Council of Churches claims to represent you may be interested to know that the National Council, with Methodist Bishop, Gerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles as the official spokesman, is appealing to the platform committee of the Democratic National Convention

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in Los Angeles, to include a plank in favor of the outright abolition of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities.

Recently, I read your three articles in the magazine "Christianity Today;" "The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals," "Communist Propaganda and the Pulpit" and "Soviet Rule on Christian Renewal?"

Our minister is very much in favor of the National Council of Churches. Personally, I have lost faith in them.

At our Church Board Meeting I read the statements that Fulton Lewis Jr. made. They did not believe him and said he was misinformed.

Will you please give me the correct answer to all these statements that have been made?

Based on your long experience in dealing with subversive forces and your Christian Ideals, I have faith and confidence in your reply.

You are a busy man and I should not ask for any of your time but I am perplexed about the National Council of Churches.

Thank you and may God bless you in your work and a Merry Christmas to you.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

C O P Y

Nov 29, 1960

J Edgar Hoover  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been a Sunday school  
teacher for many years. I am a member  
of the United Church (Congregational-Methodist  
United) of [redacted] Our church  
has been associated with the  
National Council of Churches.

Recently I read an article from  
Washington report by [redacted] that  
was a photograph from [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, written  
Dec. 17, 1957.

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T. Bakley, now president of the National  
Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.,  
as in 1942, was affiliated with  
the Citizens Committee for the Cause  
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President!

Arthur Lewis, Jr. 1000 ...  
Washington, D.C. July 5, 1950  
Council of Churches, 11th St. and  
Protestant ... the 39 million  
American ... National Council  
of Churches ... to represent, you may  
be authorized to advise that the  
National Council, with Methodist  
Bishop, David H. Kennedy of Los Angeles  
as the official spokesman, is  
appearing to the National Committee  
of the American National Convention  
in ... to include a plank  
in favor of the midnight abolition  
of the House Committee on  
Un-American Activities.

Recently, I read your  
three articles in the magazine,  
'Christianity Today'. The comment  
'Herald of Un-American Christian Faith',  
'Communist Propaganda on the  
Pacific and the Middle East or Christian  
Revival?' "

Communist ...  
in favor of the National Council

In Chicago, I generally, I had  
not said in them.

At our Church Board Meeting  
I read the statement to which  
I have referred. They did not  
believe him and said he was  
misinformed.

Will you please give me  
the correct answer to all these  
statements that have been made?

Have on your long experience  
in dealing with subversive forces  
and your Christian Ideals, I have  
faith and confidence in your  
word.

When they mentioned  
I did not ask for any special  
time but I am perplexed about  
the National Council of Churches.

Thank you very much  
I will be glad to hear from you  
and  
I am  
Sincerely,  
[Redacted]

November 28, 1960

100-50869-515

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 17, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your writing is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Our files are confidential and available only for official use. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the organizations you mentioned.

In view of your concern relative to the atheistic menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (8)

- 17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB, CP USA
- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- God and Country or Communism
- Communist Party, USA
- Expose of Soviet Espionage
- Communist Target--Youth

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**NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC. (100-50869) The World Council of Churches is allegedly composed of most of the Christian churches throughout the world except the Roman Catholic Church and certain small sects. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning this organization.**

Church

November 17, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As one who is in a position to comment with some authority, I am seeking assistance in gathering information that I may pass on to certain parties of my congregation who are greatly disturbed. They have literature and tape recordings which seek to discredit the National and World Council of Churches. Assertions are made that these two great organizations have been so infiltrated with communist leaders or sympathizers as to make them dangerous to our National Security.

Some say that even the preparation of our church school and CWF literature is influenced by the World Council and National Council.

What information I have to give them does not seem sufficient in the light of their source of references. A positive statement from you would be of great assistance to me. Any literature would also be helpful.

Respectfully,

[Redacted Signature]

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1 - Mr. Simpson

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November 23, 1960

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated November 12, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and your interest in writing to me is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, cannot furnish clearances, evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am sure you will understand my position in this regard and will not infer that our files do or do not contain information of the type you desire.

I am enclosing some literature relating to the menace of communism which is available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director  
FBI

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Enclosures (5)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent enclosed a pamphlet which is favorable to the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) and discusses the recent attacks against this organization.

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- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Malone \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Ingram \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

She states Edgar C. Bundy criticizes the NCCC and she is concerned because she assisted in getting Bundy to speak in [REDACTED]. She mentions that Harold Bosley and Helen Woods Birnie have also spoken in her city. She requests the Bureau furnish her information concerning the pamphlet, Bundy, Birnie and Bosley.

[REDACTED]

Bufiles indicate that correspondent has directed two letters to the Bureau during June, 1960, concerning matters relating to communism which concern her in the [REDACTED] area. Bulet dated 6-6-60 forwarded to her a number of items of literature issued by the FBI concerning communism. (100-3-7064) (105-40967-27)

The following items of literature sent with this current letter consist of material not previously furnished to her.

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
3. "How to Beat Communism."
4. "America - Freedom's Champion."
5. "What You can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

TRUE COPY

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[REDACTED]  
Nov 12th 1960.

Un-American Activities Committee  
Wash D. C.

Mr J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:-

I am a member of the D.A.R. and last Thurs, a report was given by an attorneys wife, using this pamphlet. She said this man Edgar C Bundy, Chair Church League of America, made wrong statements, and that the National Council of Churches was absolutely wright. I helped to get this man Bundy to Billings, so am very much concerned to know the truth. Everytime communism is exposed the National Council raises up in arms. Why?? Recently they got Harold Bosley here, and had a full house at the Shrine-Auditorium. We have gotten word he has ll communist afelliations is this true? When Helen Wood Burney was here giving talk she was attack by this group to. What can you tell me about Mr Bundy, and Helen Wood Burney? please give me some information on this pamphlet. We must have some facts to counteract communism. Please help us if possible, or tell us how to get truths? Every American citizen should be doing all they possibly can to counteract this terrible threat, to our country's freedom.

Very Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]

Feb 12th 1960

For American Activities Committee  
Washington, D.C.

Mr J Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the  
C. C. R. and have  
been very busy by an  
intensive life. Being  
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I Dandy, [unclear] [unclear]  
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United of Churches  
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National Council, raised by  
in 1930 - Why??

Recently they got Howard  
B. Kelley here, and had a  
well known at the Home  
- conditions we have seen  
and he has <sup>communist</sup> collection  
of things, true?

How much good money  
you had going back  
she was attacked by the  
country.

What can you tell me  
about the money and  
how much money?  
How much the same amount  
you had, simple.

We must have some help  
to counteract Communism.  
Please help us if possible.  
So that we had to get better.  
Every American citizen

asked to do, all they  
possibly can to counteract  
this terrible threat to our  
Country's freedom.  
Very sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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November 23, 1960

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated November 12, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am enclosing some literature on the topic of [redacted] which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (2)

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Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, in a lengthy letter, requests information concerning alleged communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches. He also asks if Circuit Riders and Christian Crusade organizations are sincere. In particular, he states he is interested in Harry F. Ward and asks if he is known to be a communist. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Bureau files reveal that allegations have been made that the communists have infiltrated the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC). This organization has not been investigated by the Bureau; however, efforts of the CP, USA, to infiltrate this organization have been carefully followed by the Bureau. No information has been developed indicating that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

- (1) "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America"



NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED:

- (2) A reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA"
- (3) "America - Freedom's Champion"
- (4) "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"
- (5) "God and Country or Communism?"

[REDACTED]  
Nov. 12, 1960

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For the past year or so I have been concerned about remarks I have heard in my Church. Nothing serious but searing, in some instances, to take the communist viewpoint over our viewpoint. For instance, I heard this remark by a retired Methodist minister in my Sunday School class: "We like to think that the Russians broke up the Summit Conference, but really all Mr. Krushchev asked our President to do was apologize for the lies he told about the U-2 incident."

This remark and others caused me to start an investigation of my own. I have obtained a copy of the testimony given by the Secretary of the Air Force before the House Committee on Un-American Activities regarding the Air Force Manual and have a copy of the speech, "Uncertain Trumpet" given by Hon. Donald L. Jackson in the House of Representatives.

These two documents as well as some others written by private individuals indicates that there are persons sympathetic with the Communist cause connected with the ~~National Council of Churches~~. I did not know until recently that part of my contribution to the Church goes to this organization, nor did I know that they are saying they speak for 26,000,000 members - which includes myself. But they do not have my permission. I doubt if 10% of our Congregation even knows that we contribute to the NCC.

I have no reason to doubt the veracity of the Un-American Activities Committee or Hon. Donald L. Jackson, but I would like to hear from you as to whether there has been any Communist infiltration into the Churches. You and your organization has become the symbol of integrity in this Nation. What you say people accept. I realize you cannot say anything critical of the Churches or the NCC will "just down your throat", but if you can give me any information or any leads as to where to find information it will be greatly appreciated.

My Pastor says there has been no infiltration in the Churches, but I heard your speech over radio recently which you gave before the American Legion in Miami in which you said there has been.

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I have received some information from Circuit Riders, Cincinnati, Ohio, and from Christian Crusade, Dr. Billy James Hargis, President, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Are these sincere organizations with no axes to grind?

I am particularly interested in Harry F. Ward. Has he ever given testimony before a Congressional Committee? Is he known to be a Communist?

Please believe me, I have no intention of starting a controversy in our Church, but there have been too many anti-American statements made for me to keep silent any longer.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature and name of the sender.

1 - Mr. Simpson

100-30269-512

November 21, 1960

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated November 11, 1960, has been received, and your interest in writing to me is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and cannot furnish clearances, evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I trust you can understand my position in this regard and will not infer that our files do or do not contain information of the type you desire.

I can advise you, however, that Mr. Howard D. (Dan) Smoot was employed as a Special Agent of the FBI from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951, when he voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. He has, of course, had no official connection with the FBI since his resignation, and I am not in a position to comment upon his activities or the integrity of his views since that time.

I have noted your kind personal remarks. In view of your interest in the subject of communism, I am enclosing some material which you may want to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent stated he is in trouble with his boss over the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) and has been told that Dan Smoot, Billy James Hargis and Edgar C. Bundy have a smear campaign against the NCCC. He inquires as to why Dan Smoot left the FBI and what the Director thinks of him and the "Dan Smoot Report." He also wants the Director's opinion of Hargis and Bundy. He thanked the Director for the great work the Director has done and wishes we had more such men in the Government. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "What You can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
  2. "Where do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
  3. "God and Country or Communism?"
  4. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
  5. Reprint from March, 1960, issue of "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," with an analysis of the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA.
  6. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
  7. "America - Freedom's Champion."
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Nov. 11, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I am writing you hoping that you can help me as I have more or less gotten myself in trouble with my boss over the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. I have a copy of the Dan Smoot Report date of Feb. 20, 1960. My boss wrote the Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg, about Dan Smoot and the Dan Smoot Report. The Rev. Dahlberg wrote him back that the Dan Smoot, Billy J. Hargis and Edgar C. Bundy have a smear campaign against the National Council of Churches.

I have been ask why Dan Smoot left the F.B.I. I would appreciate very much if you could tell me why Dan Smoot left the F.B.I. and what you think of him and the Dan Smoot Report. I also would like to know what you think of Billy J. Hargis and Edgar C. Bundy.

I have just read with great relief in the morning paper where our President-Elect is going to keep you as head of the F.B.I.

I want to thank you for the great job that you have done for our nation. I wish we had more men like you in our government.

I would sincerely appreciate an answer to the questions I have ask you, thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Miss, W. Higgins, via Edgar C. Burdy.  
I have just read with great relief  
in the morning paper, which our President  
Edwin is going to sign, you - saving the  
state.

I want to thank you for the great  
part that you have done for our nation in  
this time of our need. I hope you  
will continue.

I am very sincerely appreciate you  
and hope to see you soon. I am  
truly yours.

[Redacted signature]



F. S. FILE

November 21, 1960

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 6, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am enclosing some literature on the topic of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires concerning communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches. He also asks if Billy James Hargis is correct in stating that some of the leaders of the National Council of Churches are communists or communist sympathizers. In particular, he mentions an individual by the name of Harry F. Ward. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

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The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"
2. "America - Freedom's Champion"
3. "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America"
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. A reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA"

[Redacted]

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of F.B.I.  
Washington D.C.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Dear Sir:

Almost every day I listen to Billy James Harrover on W.M.F. an all Christian Radio Station. So many times he claims there is communists in with The National Council of Churches. I received a book from Harrover written by Nat Cvetic who was working for you or The F.B.I. for nine years. Cvetic managed to get "good will" of the communists and in a while he worked up so that he knew many top communists. He worked all the time under F.B.I. supervision. His main position was in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. One time during the nine years Nat Cvetic said he was taken for a ride by a preacher of a church who was a communist and if Nat had not come out with satisfactory words to the preacher he'd not have come back as the preacher had a revolver with him. The communist preacher was in doubts as to Nat as being a trustworthy communist..

What I would like to know is Harrover a deceiver by saying Harry J. Ward a preacher has so many points against him in with the card carrying communists and is there many other preachers or clergymen with the National Council of Churches or are The National Council of Churches deceiving when they say it is a

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an outright lie because there is no communists in with  
the National Council of Churches. Who is deceiving?

I heard Mr. Garlan speak one day over Harrow program  
he is in fighting communism also. has been fighting for  
thirty ye years. I think he claimed that over eight  
hundred clergymen were communists in with the National  
Council of Churches. and yet The Nat. CC say there is  
no communists in with them..

Yours very truly

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1 - Mr. Farrow

November 21, 1960

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated November 11, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received. I have noted and indeed appreciated your kind comment.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in communism, I am enclosing under separate cover some literature on this topic which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent inquires concerning the National Council of Churches and requests any information concerning communist infiltration of this organization. She states that she is indeed happy to know that the Director will continue to head the FBI under the new administration. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. Correspondent enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope which is being used for this reply. The address used in this letter is the same as placed on the envelope by correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CPUSA."
2. "God and Country or Communism?"
3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
4. Address by Director, "America - Freedom's Champion."
5. "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Malone
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. W.C. Sullivan
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Ingram
- Miss Gandy

November 11, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

I have heard a great deal during the past year and a half about Communism and the National Council of Churches. I have read some material concerning this, have written to the National Council concerning these reports, have talked to ministers and lay members of the following churches—Methodist, Congregationalists, Baptists, Episcopalians, and the Church of Christ. The majority seem to feel that there had been some Communist infiltration in this organization, but that a sincere attempt had been made to weed out this influence. Another comment was that some members of the National Council had probably been misled into believing for the recognition of ed. unions, and this resulted in unfavorable criticism. I am just recently this comment was made—"By practicing the collection of money for the service and the collection taken at most services to the National Council of Churches for the promotion of their work, you are supporting the Communist Party and its activities."

I think that the churches, schools, colleges, political parties, and many organizations can be infiltrated by the Communists, and that innocent people are led into supporting Communism. Knowing this I do not want to be misled by any organization. I do not want to condemn this organization unfairly. In this regard I have enclosed this letter to you.

I am sure I will have an opportunity to discuss this matter with you. I am sure that the National Council of Churches is a "front" for the promotion of Communism in the United States. I am sure that you can give me more information if I can be sure that by thinking in this manner the National Council of Churches will be greatly benefited.

I am sure that you will continue to lead on the N.C.C. under the instructions of the newly elected president.

Thank you very much.

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November 18, 1960

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 8, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your generous remarks about the work of this Bureau.

The interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated and I would like to be of assistance to you. The FBI, however, is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is maintained as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data regarding the organizations you mentioned.

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I regret that we could not help you in this instance. In view of your concern, I am enclosing some literature that may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (10) Listed next page.

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The World Council of Churches is allegedly composed of most of the Christian churches throughout the world except the Roman Catholic Church and certain small sects. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning this organization.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the

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**Enclosures (10)**  
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**Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality**  
**Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion**  
**One Nation's Response To Communism**  
**Communist Party, USA**  
**Where Do We Stand Today With Communism In the US?**  
**God and Country or Communism?**  
**Struggle on a New Plane**  
**Expose of Soviet Espionage**  
**Communist Target--Youth**

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Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
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Miss Gandy  
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November 8, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Pennsylvania Avenue @ 9th, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

My church, the [REDACTED] Christian Church of [REDACTED] is presently considering items being included in the mission budget for the year 1960-61. As an Elder in the church, I have expressed considerable concern over our continued support of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches, to which we have contributed in years past, because of information published by Mr. Lynn Landrum in the Dallas Morning News and based on comments made at the Freedom Forum conducted in Dallas recently by Dr. Fred C. Schwarz.

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I full well realize that this is an unusual request to make of your office when it is so vitally involved in the security of our country, but we would appreciate one of your staff advising our Missions Committee of any extreme liberal, left-wing, socialist or communist elements that continue to operate within the framework of the World Council or National Council of Churches.

In closing, as an individual American who loves his country, I would like to add my appreciation and gratitude to that of Americans everywhere for the sense of security that we have enjoyed over the years in knowing that under your direction the F.B.I. "never sleeps".

Sincerely,

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November 15, 1960

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 7, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

May I point out in connection with your inquiries the FBI is an investigating agency of the Federal Government, and as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The files of this Bureau are confidential and available for official use only pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice, and I hope you will not infer in this respect that we do or do not have the information you desire.

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I am enclosing some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest, together with your clipping.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (6)
- Newspaper Clipping
- Director's Speech before American Legion Convention, 10/18/60
- One Nation's Response To Communism
- 3/60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention CP USA
- Communist Target - Youth
- Expose of Soviet Espionage
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Tolson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mohr
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parsons
- \_\_\_\_\_ Belmont
- \_\_\_\_\_ Callahan
- \_\_\_\_\_ DeLoach
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J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
 Fed. Bur. of Investigation  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been very interested and quite concerned about the forces of communism and the potential it harbors. There are many questions I would like to have answered and I feel that you can directly or indirectly answer them.

One area which I am greatly concerned involves the National Council of Churches, and the relationship of the Area Council of Churches locally. Would you advise your office not to cooperate with this organization to any extent?

I have been reading your book "Masters of Deceit", and am certain that the Church is a logical place for infiltration. I also have the book "Collectivism in the Churches" by Edgar C. Bundy. Would you make a statement about its authenticity, since he makes reference to my public personalities?

As a private citizen, how may I know about subversives in Columbus Churches, politics, and business, so that I can avoid them and help expose them to others?

I would appreciate your advice and answers to my inquiry and also if you of 15 NOV 17 1960 only me with documented evidence which would be an aid, I will be grateful.

P.S. Please a praise Clippings and return. What about the newspaper, "Common Sense?"

Sincerely yours,

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1 - Mr. Farrow

November 14, 1960

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated November 1, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
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- Mr. Felt
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- Mr. Sullivan
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- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent states that she has heard that some of the top leaders of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches were either affiliated with or were sympathetic to the communist movement. She requests any information concerning these two organizations.

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC), as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

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The World Council of Churches has not been investigated by the Bureau and there is no information which would indicate that this organization is controlled by the Communist Party.

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[REDACTED]  
November 1, 1960

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In recent months there have been numerous accusations that one or more of the top leaders in the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches have, or did have, Communist affiliation or were sympathetic with the Communist movement. Both groups named have steadily denied and attempted to refute these allegations, but in the minds of many there is a question as to their source and authenticity.

As members of the United Church Women, an affiliate of the NCC. and WCC., we feel that it is most urgent to clarify this question. Please advise us if your Department has been caused to investigate this matter and, if so, the nature of the evidence you found.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]  
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November 1, 1960

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated October 27, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Ingram \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires about National Council of Churches (of Christ) (NCC) stating that there are allegations of ministers being associated with the communist movement. She inquires about J. B. Matthews, author of "American Mercury" and Dr. Carl McIntire. She states that Edwin T. Dahlberg of the NCC is supposed to be affiliated with at least a dozen communist fronts.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCC (of Christ) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted investigation of the NCC as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCC today. (100-50869)

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

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October 27, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director Of The F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

You are just about the only one I can turn to now and know in my heart that I will receive a truthful answer. My husband and I have become very active and interested in reading and learning all about Communism as far as I am concerned everyone in the United States should know all about the subject. We have read Edgar C. Bundy's book "Collectivism In The Churches", then last week went to hear him give a very fine talk and you can imagine how very upset we were. We belong to a small Methodist church here in [REDACTED] so we made an appointment to talk to our Minister and try to get some information from him, but by the time we came away from the office we were more confused than ever, now it has really disillusioned us to the extent that we are beginning to lose all faith in our Minister's wonderful sermons.

We really want to know the truth about the National Council Of Churches, for we have read both sides of the story and both of them claim that there are Ministers associated with the Communist movement. What do you know about J.E. Matthews author of the American Mercury and Dr. Carl McIntire? Then there is Edwin T. Dahlberg who is now the President of the National Council of Churches, he is supposed to be affiliated with at least a dozen Communist fronts.

We are good church people and want so much to bring our children up in the right church, but on the other hand we do not want to go against our church. Thank you so very much for your very valuable time and I do hope that you can help us.

Sincerely,  
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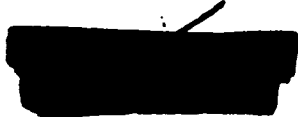
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November 8, 1960

AIRMAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY



Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated November 3, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is very much appreciated.

I would like to help you in connection with your inquiries; however, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Information in our files, furthermore, is maintained as confidential due to a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret that I cannot be of assistance and hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have the specific information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Nov 3, 1960**  
[REDACTED]

**J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of F. B. I.**

**Dear Mr. Hoover**

**I would like some information on the National Council of Churches or World Council of Churches is there communism in it or are communists working thru it.**

**Have heard they the N. C. C. are in favor of and trying to do away with the House investigating committee on unamerican activitys, is this true?**

**Have also heard that they are even against the F. B. I.**

**Would also like any Iformation you could give me on the National Council of Churches.**

**Would like this Info, by Nov 11, 1960 for a meeting at the Church**

**Thanks a lot.**

**Sincerly**  
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**If you'd like to know how I stand on N. C. C. I don't think they should be supported as don't think they are working for the Lord, or doing any good for our country**

**Our Church convention is a N. C. C. Member.**

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Director of F.B.I.

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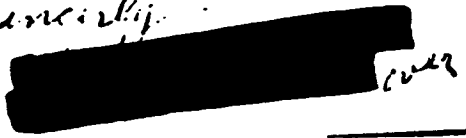
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member.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/4/60

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (62-0)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Re letter from the Director dated 10/28/60 instructing the NYO to contact [REDACTED] regarding her request to be informed regarding Communism in religion.

On 11/4/60 [REDACTED] was contacted by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and given the material forwarded in reference letter and it was suggested to her that she read the Director's book "MASTERS OF DECEIT" for additional understanding of the menace of Communism.

[REDACTED] was informed by the agents that the FBI as an investigative agency does not furnish comments or opinions regarding any individuals or organizations. She was advised as suggested in reference letter that the FBI has not conducted an investigation of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

[REDACTED] appeared to be highly appreciative of the material and advised the agents that she held the Director and the FBI in high regard and she understood the FBI's position regarding not furnishing comments or opinions on individuals and organizations.

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November 4, 1960

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked October 27, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am enclosing the pamphlet entitled "Expose of Soviet Espionage, May, 1960," which you requested, along with some other literature on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the National Council of Churches and requests the Bureau's pamphlet entitled "Expose of Soviet Espionage, May, 1960."

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted investigation of the NCCC as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

- (1) "Expose of Soviet Espionage, May, 1960."
- (2) "Communist Target - Youth."
- (3) A reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960, "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."
- (4) "One Nation's Response to Communism."

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[REDACTED]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Please send me at the address below free pamphlet about  
Soviet Espionage.

I would like to know the color Red - Pink - or White of  
the National Council of Churches, if there is anything  
authorative on the subject.

I have withdrawn my membership from the Presbytteran  
Church because I seem to see a very red color in their  
literature from the National and World Council--

/s/

[REDACTED]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Council of the Church of Christ  
Please send me at the address  
below five pamphlets of  
Social Sabotage.

I would like to know the color  
Red-Black - or white of the National  
Council of Ministers, if there is any  
distinction on the subject.  
I have withdrawn my name from  
the Presbyterian Church because  
of the same very real color in  
their literature from the National  
Council.

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of October 25, with enclosure, and in response to your request, one of my representatives in our New York Office will call on you in the near future. I do appreciate your good wishes.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Attention SAC: A mature and experienced Agent of your office should promptly contact [REDACTED] and tactfully advise that the FBI, as an investigative agency, does not furnish comments or opinions regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. You may advise her, however, that the FBI has not conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches. You may deliver to her the enclosed material concerning the general subject of communism and suggest to her that for additional understanding of the menace of communism she may desire to read my book, "Masters of Deceit."

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [REDACTED] Edward P. Mulrooney was formerly New York Commissioner of Police; Chairman of the New York State Alcohol Beverage Control Board and Commissioner of Corrections for the State of New York. Correspondence was addressed to him on first name basis. Letter to [REDACTED] being sent in self-addressed stamped envelope which she enclosed.

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**Enclosures sent to New York Office are Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality, Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion, God and Country or Communism? 17th National Convention, CP USA, and 3-60 LEB Introduction, and One Nation's Response To Communism.**



Mr. Tolson ✓  
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 Mr. Tele. Room ✓  
 Mr. Ingram ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

October 25, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq., Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Through former Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney, I have the privilege of meeting you here at our offices. (A new impartial chairman has not been appointed since the Commissioner's death in April, but the offices are continuing as before). I was Commissioner Mulrooney's [redacted] as you know.

I am one of our Americans who is not passive about communism. Since, factually, communism is prevalent in our Protestant churches, I'm very much interested in learning more about the National Council of Churches, and also about the Ethical Culture Schools. I'm a member of a [redacted] Presbyterian Church; in fact, an Elder, and I've been deeply troubled by seeming non-spiritual activities in my own church.

Is it possible, Mr. Hoover, for an appointment to be arranged here in New York to see one of your aides, so that I may be fully informed as to the situation above referred to, and so that I may act intelligently.

With appreciation, and my warmest good wishes to you,

Sincerely,

[redacted signature]

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P.S. - My telephone number here is: Plaza 3-7782

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October 14, 1960

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked October 5, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:** Correspondent, in a lengthy letter, requests information concerning the "Fair Play Council" and its sponsors, particularly with regard to any un-American activities on the part of these organizations.

Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent or the "Fair Play Council."

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C O P Y

October 3, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of Federal Bureau of  
Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

After reading several of your books; Master of Deceit, as well as "Naked Communist," "Soviet Total War," and several periodicals, we attended a meeting under the name of "Fair Play Council." This council appeared to have used the typical Kremlin method.

Since then I have joined a small group in [REDACTED] County Area which are very interested in fighting communism. The sponsors for the Fair Play Council are: Council of Churches, Japanese American Citizens' League, Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice," and "Jewish Community Center."

Any information I may have or obtain from any liable source concerning the unamerican activities of their sponsors would be very greatly appreciated.

Also, I have written to our Bishop Pike asking why he speaks for "shady" councils and is so against the "unamerican Hearings in San Francisco. Also, (being an Episcopalian) our church has changed for the worse in our rituals, services, and sermons. We seem to pray for China (Red). Pray for Russia etc. I just get a run around when ask Why? I'm now teaching the intermediate grades in Sunday school with a large class to combat this influence of the "Nat'l Council of Churches" and Bishop Pike.

So please send me all information on Pike or our church because another group will help me in this matter.

Of course everything and help I receive will be strictly confidential.

Thank you very much for any information or giving me a reliable source of this information.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

C O P Y

Oct. 3, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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The sponsors for the Fair Play  
Council are Council of Churches,  
Japanese American Citizens League,  
Unitarian Fellowship for Social

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October 14, 1960

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100-53447-498  
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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of October 5, 1960, with enclosure, regarding Major Bundy.

While I would like to be of service to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that I have no recollection of ever meeting this individual.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

*J. Edgar Hoover*

NOTE: There is no information in Bufiles to preclude sending this letter to [Redacted]

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- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Oct. 5.

Dear Sir:

Recently I have listened to Major Bundy exposing the communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches. Many people I talk to feel that Major Bundy does not have the facts. We think he has.

Would you be so kind to tell me if Mr. Bundy is a reputable man?

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

P.S. He say he is a personal freind of yours.

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Oct. 5.

Dear Sir:

Recently I have listened to Major Bundy exposing the communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches. Many people I talk to feel that Major Bundy does not have the facts. We think he is wrong.

Would you be so kind to tell me if Mr. Bundy is a reputable man?

Sincerely,

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P.S. The copy he is in personal view of yours

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100-50869-497

October 14, 1960

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 6, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is maintained as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data concerning the organization or individual you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policies on the NCCC today.

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- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Oct. 6, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Dir. F. B. I.  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be truly grateful to you if you will take time from your busy schedual to read and answer my letter.

Can it be true that the National Council of Churches in the U. S. A. are connected with communist infiltration? I am a member of a church that is a member of the N. C. C. and if this is true I want out of such a church because I despartly want to be true to my God and country.

Are you familar with Dr. Carl McIntire and his 20th century Reformation hour radio broadcast? I am, and I have made it known to my pastor and he is very much against Dr. McIntire, which puzzels me very much. Please help me.

I am

Hoping to hear from you soon

Yours Very Truly,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Dir. F. B. I.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

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Hoping to hear from you soon  
I am yours very truly  
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Oct. 13, 1966

Mr. Eugene Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I should like to express my sincere  
appreciation for the pamphlets you sent me  
dealing with Communism.  
You can rest assured I shall make  
full use of them.

Sincerely,  
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October 14, 1960

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 6, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of assistance, as a matter of policy I cannot recommend sources as you requested. In view of your concern regarding the atheistic menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which you may want to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (4) (listed below)

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion  
Communist Target--Youth  
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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October 6, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau Of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There has been considerable discussion recently among the members of my church regarding the possible infiltration of the National Council of Churches and even the Protestant ministry by Communists and Communist sympathizers. A segment of our membership is deeply concerned over such reports, and has urged us all to become thoroughly informed of the situation, so that "grass roots" action can be taken.

Because of the confusing number of questionable accusations and denials, it is difficult for a person with little or no knowledge of the reliability of the sources to separate the truths from the untruths.

For this reason, I am writing to you with the hope that you can recommend specific information sources which you believe present the most accurate facts in regard to Communism and the Protestant Churches.

I will deeply appreciate any help that you can give me which will enable me to inform myself and assist my fellow churchmen in this critical issue.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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CORRECTION

1 - Mr. Farrow

October 10, 1960

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Your letter dated September 29, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I have noted your kind personal comments and I trust that we in the FBI will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, a minister, states that he has heard criticisms of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches to the effect that they are "communistic minded, and that even some of their leaders hold to these views." He asks if in the judgment of the Director and the FBI these criticisms are valid. He asks if the FBI looks at these organizations with a question as to their true American loyalty. He states that if an answer is forthcoming, he would like permission to share the Director's remarks with his "church family." The correspondent states that the Director's "christian testimony has always been a great inspiration to me in my own christian life." In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed the above reply will be in the best interests of the Bureau.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.  
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The World Council of Churches is allegedly composed of the Christian churches throughout the world except the Roman Catholic Church and certain small sects. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning this organization.  
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Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.



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- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. Mohr ✓
- Mr. Parsons ✓
- Mr. Belmont ✓
- Mr. Callahan ✓
- Mr. DeLoach ✓
- Mr. Malone ✓
- Mr. McGuire ✓
- Mr. Rosen ✓
- Mr. Tamm ✓
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Ingram
- Miss Gandy

September 29, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Your Christian testimony has always been a great inspiration to me in my own Christian life. I am an American Baptist Convention pastor, and I have many times shared your comments on Christian principles with my church family.

As an American Baptist, we maintain a definite work with other denominations which I have always felt to be a good thing. Our denomination is working with the National Council of Churches and also with the World Council of Churches.

While I recognize that no earthly organization is perfect, I do feel that both these organizations do a good work.

I am constantly hearing criticisms from hyper-critical sources that both of these organizations are communistic minded, and that even some of their leaders hold to these views.

In your own judgment and that of the F.B.I. of our country, do you think that such criticism is valid? Does it have any real basis? Does the F.B.I. look at these organizations with a question as to their true American loyalty?

I fully realize the difficulty of answering such a letter, but your Christian testimony encourages me to seek your opinion to help me in my thinking. Would I be free to share your remarks with my church family in order to strengthen them against such rash criticism.

I have always felt that the Christian faith and true American loyalty are the strongest weapons against communism.

I shall appreciate whatever answer you may be able to give.

Sincerely,

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October 11, 1960

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 4, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

May I point out that this Bureau does not maintain or publish a list such as you mentioned in your communication. It is suggested that you contact the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., from which you can obtain a list of the organizations cited by the Attorney General of the United States. You may be able to locate in your public library a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

With regard to your other inquiries, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. In view of your concern regarding communism, enclosed is some material dealing with that subject which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Enclosures**

**3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention  
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
One Nation's Response to Communism  
Communist Target--Youth  
Expose of Soviet Espionage**

**NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.**

**For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)**

Oct. 4, 1960

Dear Sir,

Is it possible to receive a list from you of Communist front organizations and also magazines that have Communist editors or writers. I am especially referring to the American Mercury magazine. Is it approved by you or not?

I am also wondering if the following news commentators:

- Martin Agronsky
- Dean C. Manion
- John T. Flynn
- Fulton Lewis Jr.

are Communist or not?

We believe they are good Americans, but would like to know for sure.

One other thing, I have heard that the National Council of Churches is doubtful (meaning) they have Communist's on their board. Being a Lutheran I am deeply concerned about the National Council of Churches.

Sincerely,

/s/

[Redacted signature]

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of September 30, 1960, has been received, and your interest in writing is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Our files are maintained as confidential by a regulation of the Department of Justice, but I hope you will not infer that we do or do not have data in our files relative to your inquiry.

In view of your concern regarding the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which you may want to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (5)

- Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
- 17th National Convention
- God and Country or Communism?
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- One Nation's Response to Communism


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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]

Sept. 30, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Social Action and Education Committee of the church of which I am a member 'investigated' charges made in the Air Force manual relative to Communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches. Their 'investigation' revealed that there was no truth in the charges, and the Session, the governing body of the church, unanimously endorsed the findings of this committee.

I discussed this matter with my minister stating that I felt that there was not only evidence to support the charges made in the Air Force manual but that evidence from other sources bear this out, and that the Session should not have acted without hearing from those who believed the charges to be true.

The vast majority of Americans are totally indifferent to the Communist goal of world domination which will destroy our freedom and liberty. The churches, which are our greatest bulwark against evil, take the position that there is no danger of Communism destroying them. In my humble opinion they are making a great mistake.

Will you please advise if the F. B. I. has conclusive proof that the Protestant churches of America have been infiltrated by the Communists. If I am wrong in my contention I want to readily admit it. If I am right I want to continue to fight Communism wherever I believe it exists, as I am bitterly and irrevocably opposed to it.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]  
Sept. 30, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The Social Action and Education Committee of the Church of  
which I am a member 'investigated' charges made in the  
New Masses relative to Communist infiltration in the National  
Council of Churches. Their investigation revealed that there was no  
truth in the charges, and the Session, the governing body of the Church,  
unanimously endorsed the findings of this committee.

I disclosed this matter with my minister stating that I felt  
that there was more than enough evidence to support the charges made in  
the New Masses. I stated that I felt there were other members of the  
Church, and that the Session should not have acted without knowing  
more than what I believed the charges to be true.

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Communist goal of world domination which will destroy our freedom  
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great ministers.

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Will you please advise by the 30th of Oct. your conclusions  
that the Protestant churches of America have been infiltrated by  
the Communists. I'd be willing in my contribution to  
readily admit that I am right & want to continue to fight  
Communism to the end of belief in it, as I am willing to  
readily oppose it to it.

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Respectfully yours,  
[Redacted]

CORRESPONDENCE



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100-50869-492

October 5, 1960



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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of September 27, 1960, has been received, and your interest in writing is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relative to the organizations you named. I can advise you, however, that I have made no statement implying infiltration of either of these organizations.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**churches throughout the world except the Roman Catholic Church and certain small sects. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning the World Council of Churches.**

[REDACTED]

September 27, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am a layman in the [REDACTED] Methodist Church, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] presently working in the capacity of Chairman of the [REDACTED].

Over the years I've taken our church too matter of factly, and consequently a complacent attitude toward church affairs resulted. Recently, while entering into a group discussion the matter of communist infiltration into our pastorates, the National Council of Churches, and the World Council of Churches was vigorously mentioned. [REDACTED] mentioned was that you had previously voiced affirmation to some of these charges. What I'm attempting to find out is the substantiation of these charges, and if there is some justification to any of them to do something about them.

Any reply, and/or can, any advice, or any light that you can shed on this matter will certainly be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-50869)

DATE: 9/27/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-40949)

SUBJECT: CHICOM INFILTRATION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
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ReNYlet. 8/31/60. in captioned case and Bulet 9/14/60,  
entitled [REDACTED]

A separate case file has been opened on [REDACTED] and as instructed in reBulet an attempt will be made to locate and interview [REDACTED] in connection with that case.

Captioned case file is being closed by the NYO.

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1 - Mr. Farrow

September 26, 1960

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your postal card dated September 20, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests any printed or other information the Bureau might have available to link the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) to any "Communist propaganda."

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.  
(100-50869)

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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Sirs:

If you have any printed information, or other, that might link the National Council of Churches to any Communist propaganda, please send it to me. I have a dear friend whose husband (a prominent minister) has been on European trips for this organization and is scheduled to go to India in a year or so for them. If they knew there was anything wrong with this organization, I'm sure he would not lend his support to something irregular where the Government is concerned. He is something of a dreamer, although highly educated and pastor of a church of about 2,000. If I had something authentic to show them, they would think twice.

Thank you.

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Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your communication dated September 19, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations and comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relative to the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: The Bureau has in recent years received numerous inquiries concerning communist connections of the National Council of Churches (NCC) and this organization has become an extremely controversial one among various church groups. We have not investigated the NCC, however, we did make inquiries of informants in New York City in 1950 and did not develop any indication of communist or subversive influence on the part of the persons affiliated with the organization at that time. (100-50869) This is the same organization involved in a controversy this year resulting from the group's being described in an Air Force manual as being communist infiltrated.

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**TRUE COPY**

  
**Sept 19, 1960**

**Dear Sir:**

**Will you please send me all the information  
you have regarding the National Council of Churches. I am  
very much concerned.**

**Sincerely yours**

  
**Member of the  
First Christian Church**

[REDACTED]

Sept 19, 1960

Dear Sir:

Could you please  
send me all the  
information you have  
regarding the National  
Council of Churches. I am  
very much concerned.

Sincerely yours

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Member of the  
First Christian Church

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EX 109

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 19, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate the concern which prompted you to write.

I would like to be of assistance to you; however, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and we do not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is considered confidential and available only for official use. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relative to the subjects of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. [REDACTED]

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NOTE: [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles. It has been brought to the Bureau's attention that numerous persons affiliated with the revision of the Bible have been associated with communist front groups. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been (Note cont'd on next page)

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**infiltrated by communists. Although the Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate this organization. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the Communist Party is dictating the policy on the NCCC today. (100-50869)**

September 19, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The recent controversy over the Air Force Reserve Training Manual has caused a deep suspicion on the part of some of my people regarding the Revised Standard Version of the Bible; the men who translated it; and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Reference is frequently made to the fact that the Communists have used the R.S.V. and the National Council of Churches to infiltrate our country with their beliefs. In my opinion the belief that these statements are true is disturbing the spiritual harmony of my church and many other churches in the San Diego area. What is the truth in this matter? Are the Communists running the National Council of Churches? Are the Churches of America becoming centers of Communistic propaganda as J. B. Matthews claims? Did Communistic fellow-travelers translate the R.S.V. Bible?

I certainly realize the magnitude of the task which is yours and the men of the F. B. I., but if there is any answer you can give me in this matter, I would greatly appreciate it. Nothing has disturbed Christianity as much as this controversy.

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Your consideration and reading of this letter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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[Redacted signature block]

CORRESPONDENCE

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EX 104

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated September 7, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he has become alarmed over reports of communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches. He states that he has been for a

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number of years, a supporter of the National Council of Churches, but does not desire to support any movement or any activity which tends to "destroy the American way of life." He requests any information available concerning communist infiltration of the National Council of Churches.

For a number of years, allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP) USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

Bureau files contain no identifiable derogatory data concerning the correspondent.

September 7, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been for a number of years a supporter of the National Council of <sup>O</sup> Churches, because I believed in their sincerity, especially after observing their activities in connection with the migrant workers in our particular area.

When some time ago reports appeared in the daily papers concerning communist infiltration, as well as the reports that were printed concerning the manuals for the Air Corp which supposedly had the ear marks of communist influence, also after reading some of the literature printed by the National Council favoring the communist activities, I have become rather alarmed.

I have discussed these problems with various church leaders, but they seem to have the attitude that these reports are vilifications of the National Council. In order to receive a true statement I have decided to trouble you concerning this situation.

I am a naturalized citizen of European birth, I have adopted this country as my country, and certainly do not wish to have conditions catch up with me here. (Conditions from which I have escaped) I do not care to support any movement or any activity which tends to distroy the American way of life. I would appreciate any information you can give me concerning the above problem.

Sincerely Yours

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RESPONSE





- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Malone
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. Sullivan
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Ingram
- Miss Gandy

[Redacted]

September 8, 1960.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would like to thank you for your reply to my letter dated June 10 regarding the infiltration of Communists in the Churches today. I realize now I was asking the impossible of you in your position and also that it was not the correct way to go about things, that is by attacking individuals, organizations or publications. In that way we accomplish nothing but that there are other more effective ways of dealing with the Communist Threat.

This my husband and I learnt during our attendance at the Anti-Communism School held here in San Diego just recently. The thing that impressed me most about the whole School was the complete Christian Dedicatation of all the Speakers who were obviously well informed each in his own sphere and also the total lack of any form of attack on any organization, group or person.

Their main purpose was to alert America to the Danger of Communism and how close we are to losing our freedom through plain apathy and ignorance.

My husband and I feel and I know our feeling is shared by a majority of those who attend'ed the Anti-Communism School, that we are very grateful to you, Mr. Hoover and to the F.B.I. and the House Un-American Activities Committee for all that you are doing to help alert us to our present Danger and in helping to preserve the Freedom Which Is America.

We thank you sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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1 - Mr. Farrow

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September 13, 1960

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated September 3, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furnishing information of the type you have requested would in effect constitute an approval or disapproval of the organization you mentioned. Therefore, I regret to advise that I am unable to comply with your request.

I would like to advise you, however, that I have made no statement concerning the National Council of the Churches of Christ.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent expresses concern over accusations of communism in the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) and alleged left-wing affiliation on the part of some of the leadership. She states she has read considerable material supporting and denying these charges and that the

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Director's name has been used in support of both sides of the issue. She requests the Director's opinion of the "policy of the National Council of Churches of speaking on social and political issues. Do you feel that this policy violates the historical separation of Church and State?"

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

[REDACTED]

October 3, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The current accusations of Communism in the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and alleged left-wing affiliations of those in places of leadership in the National Council, have recently become of great concern in our local Church.

I am writing to you because I feel that discussion on this matter in our Church or any other Church in this nation can only aid the cause of Communism.

We have not considerable material supporting and denying the charges. If you are probably aware, your name is used in support of both sides of the issue.

Since you have so justly earned the respect of millions of Americans as the foremost authority on Communism in the United States, your opinion, official or personal, could do much to guide the thinking of those of us who are seeking the truth in this matter.

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As a Christian layman, what is your opinion of the policy of the National Council of Churches of speaking on social and political issues? ~~Is this policy~~ Does it violate the historical separation of Church and State? Does it, in any way, aid the cause of Communism in the United States?

It will be most grateful for your consideration of these questions.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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August 31, 1960

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 24, 1960, with enclosure, has been received in Mr. Hoover's absence from the city.

I will call your letter to his attention, but I know that he would want me to advise you that the FBI as a fact-gathering agency of the Federal government does not issue clearances or nonclearances. It has been a long standing policy of this Bureau, therefore, not to furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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24 August 1960

Hon. John Edgar Hoover  
 Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For many years I have been a staunch defender of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and of yourself.

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I have used nothing but the official hearings conducted by the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives, the Internal Security Committee of the United States Senate, and various state legislative bodies. I have also used the documentation appearing in the sermons, books, speeches, and resolutions of various left-wing religious leaders which we have by the many thousands here in this headquarters. I believe that we have one of the most complete files in the entire United States on this subject.

We have steadfastly opposed all religious intolerance and hatred and will have nothing to do with the Fascist groups who want to pick out some particular race or religion and attack it because it disagrees with their own.

In the light of this I have become increasingly concerned with the tactics which the leaders of the National Council of Churches are now using in order to discredit the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives, the Senate Internal Security Committee; resolutions passed by patriotic organizations,

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and documentation on subversion in religious groups published by organizations such as our own.

No one that I know of in the recognized organizations which are exposing subversion in the religious field have ever said that you have at any time stated that the National Council of Churches was subversive or infiltrated by communists.

Despite this fact, the leaders of the National Council of Churches are using letters which they have written to you and your replies to give the impression that there are no individuals within the organization of the National Council of Churches who have ever been connected with the communist conspiracy.

I know of no individual, such as Dr. J. B. Matthews, Congressman Francis E. Walter, who has ever stated that there are members of the Communist Party within the ranks of the National Council of Churches. However, I do know that these same people have charged from the documentation which they have acquired that there have been hundreds of individuals within the frame work of the old Federal Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches who have been affiliated with many organizations classified as communist fronts or subversive by the various attorneys-general of the United States and the Congressional Committees.

Wherever I speak over this country I run into the propaganda put out by the National Council that Mr. Hoover and the F.B.I. have given the National Council of Churches a clean bill of health.

On the other hand we have the hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities, especially the one held this year for the Secretary of the Air Force, Mr. Dudley Sharp, Sr., in which it was stated that over a hundred officials of the National Council of Churches had been affiliated with more than one thousand subversive organizations.

Thousands of church people over the country are asking us to reconcile what purports to be "Mr. Hoover's clean bill of health for the National Council" and the statements of the investigating committee.

Mr. Hoover, you would be doing a great service to the Christian people of this nation, and especially to those who are in the front lines fighting this infiltration of subversion into our religious institutions, if you would clarify this confused situation.

I wish that you would see fit to issue a statement that the F.B.I. is not authorized to cite any organization as subversive, that you would have no occasion to do this in regard to the National Council of Churches. Also, that you have never stated that there are not individuals within the National Council of Churches who have been or are now affiliated with subversive groups.

This is of extremely deep concern to our organization and to thousands of other Christian people who see what is happening right within their own religious institutions but who are told flatly by their leaders that if there were any subversive activities the F.B.I. would be the first to state so.

Hon. John Edgar Hoover

Can you clarify this situation for us in regard to yourself and the F.B.I.?

I have used your article "God or Chaos" and your testimony given to the Committee on Un-American Activities, March 20, 1947 very often and have made thousands of copies of it to distribute to ministers and lay people throughout the United States.

Very sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. Simpson

September 2, 1960

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated August 26, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am unable, therefore, to comply with your request.

In view of your interest concerning the communist menace in this country, I am enclosing some literature which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (4)

1 - Knoxville (Enclosure)

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**ATTENTION: SAC, KNOXVILLE**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. Reprint from the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."
3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
4. "God and Country or Communism?"

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

On behalf of her Sunday school class, the correspondent is making inquiry concerning the status of the NCCC since one of the teachers of the class has allegedly read an article that this organization is a communist front.

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[REDACTED]  
August 26, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On behalf of the [REDACTED] Sunday School Class  
of the First Methodist Church in [REDACTED]  
I am writing this letter.

Recently, our Sunday School teacher read an article  
from a magazine in regard to the National Council of  
Churches. The teacher stated that the National Council  
of Churches was a Communist front organization. I stated  
that I did not believe it to be so, but as the teacher's  
statement has created some doubt and concern within the  
group, in regard to this matter, we would like to know  
the truth. Therefore, they have asked me to write you  
for information.

We are aware that the Communists would like to  
infiltrate into every phase of our American life and  
especially would they like to tear down our churches.  
We believe that the statement made about the National  
Council of Churches is a dangerous statement to spread  
abroad if untrue; however, if it is true, we believe we  
should be informed.

Any information you can give us will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
August 26, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On behalf of the [REDACTED] Sunday School  
Class of the First Methodist Church in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I am writing this letter.

Recently, our Sunday School teacher read an  
article from a magazine in regard to the  
National Council of Churches. The teacher stated  
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we should be informed.

Any information you can give us will be  
appreciated.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Sincerely,  
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SAC, New York

September 14, 1960

Director, FBI

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Reurlet 8-31-60 and Legat, Tokyo, letters 4-13-60 and 7-29-60, all captioned "Chicom: Infiltration of National Council of Churches, IS - C-1."

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Based on the identifying information furnished, Bureau files contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

1 - New York (105-4994) (Chicom Infiltration of National Council of Churches)

1 - 100-50869 (Chicom: Infiltration of National Council of Churches)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-50869)

DATE: 8/31/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-40949)

SUBJECT: CHICOM  
INFILTRATION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL  
OF CHURCHES  
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Re Legat Tokyo letter to Director, 7/29/60, forwarded by Bureau routing slip, 8/11/60, marked for information.

New York Office files contain no identifying information concerning [redacted] aka.

The Bureau is requested to advise if it wishes the New York Office to attempt to locate and interview [redacted]

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August 30, 1960

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated August 21, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluation or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Atlanta (Enclosure) (SEE NOTE, PAGE TWO)

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Parsons
- \_\_\_\_\_ Belmont
- \_\_\_\_\_ DeLoach
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Conrad
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ATTENTION: SAC, ATLANTA

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted investigation of the NCCC as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CP, USA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises that he has recently read the National Council of the Churches of Christ of the United States of America has expressed ideas of communism. He requests any information the Bureau can give concerning this matter. In view of the controversial nature of this subject, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interest of the Bureau.



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Washington D. C.  
Aug. 21, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A short while ago an article appeared in a magazine of some circulation, written by one who is a member of the same church ( Methodist ) that I am.

This article stated that the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, is expressing ideas of Communism.

As the Methodist Church is a member of N. C. C. this is of great concern to me.

If it is possible to give any information concerning this, I would greatly appreciate it.

Yours truly:

[REDACTED]  
Member of the First Methodist Church [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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CORRESPONDENCE

1 - Mr. Farrow

August 24, 1960

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REC-34

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated August 16, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I regret that I am unable to suggest any source from which you can obtain the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Knoxville (enclosure)

SEE NOTE TO KNOXVILLE, PAGE TWO

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- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
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**ATTENTION: SAC, KNOXVILLE**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent, a minister, advises that he has in his possession the Air Reserve Training Manual dealing with the National Council of the Churches of Christ and a copy of a report concerning the hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities for February 25, 1960, concerning the same subject. He requests information from the Bureau as to whether or not the leaders of the NCCC are or have been affiliated with the CP. He states that it is his desire to recommend that his diocese either withdraw or continue to support the NCCC at its next annual convention. He states, however, that before he can make any recommendation, he must obtain additional information. He requests in addition to any information that the Bureau may give him other sources which could provide him with the necessary data. In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

[REDACTED]

August 16, 1960

[REDACTED]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For the past several months, I have been engaged in research concerning the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. In connection with this, I have a copy of the Air Reserve Training Manual number NR45-0050. This manual seems to state rather specifically that the National Council of Churches of Christ has in it quite a number of members who have, at least, Communist leanings. I also have a copy of the "Hearings Before the Committee on Un-American Activities" for the Date February 25, 1960. This photostat seems to confirm the findings of the Air Force Manual. I have also obtained lists of names that belong to the National Council of Churches of Christ who have one or more citations for Communist Front organizations.

At the next annual convention of the Episcopal Church in this Diocese, I would like to recommend that this Diocese either withdraw or continue their support of the National Council of Churches of Christ, provided that I can get together sufficient evidence to make the recommendation. Would it be possible for your office to give me any evidence for or against the National Council of Churches of Christ, or their members, which I might use in this venture? Would you also give me any information you might have concerning other sources of evidence or facts which might be put to use?

With many thanks, I am

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Faithfully yours,  
[REDACTED]  
AUG 16 1960

1 - Mr. Simpson

August 22, 1960

EX 109

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated August 12, 1960, and your interest in communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

I am enclosing some material relating to the COMMUNIST menace in this country which is available for general distribution by the FBI. I trust that your church group will find this material of assistance in its study of communism. In this connection, you may also be interested in referring to my book, "Masters of Deceit," which relates to the story of communism in America and how to fight it. This book was published in 1958 by Henry Holt and Company, New York City, and is possibly available through your local library.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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1 - Houston (SEE NOTE TO HOUSTON, PAGE TWO)

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- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
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ATTENTION: SAC, HOUSTON

Correspondent advised that a Dr. Bundy in a recent speech on communism stated that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) were run by communists and this fact is verified in documents of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Correspondent wanted to know if this is true. She also requested literature on communism in the United States since her church group is making a study of this subject.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

[REDACTED]

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

[REDACTED]

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "Communist 'New Look.'"

NOTE TO HOUSTON, CONTINUED, PAGE THREE

NOTE TO HOUSTON. CONTINUED

3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
4. "How to Beat Communism."
5. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
6. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin,"  
March, 1960, with Analysis of the 17th  
National Convention, CPUSA.
7. "Communist Party, USA," Reprint from  
"Ave Maria," April 30, 1960.

[REDACTED]

August 12, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Recently a Dr. Bundy came to our church and spoke on communism. He said that the N.A.A.C.P. and the National Council of Churches are run by communists. Supposedly, he had documents from the Un-American Activities Committee to verify this. I would like to know if this is true.

Also, could you please send us some literature on communism in the United States, as we are making a study of this subject in our church group.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of August 11, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write. I want to thank you for your generous remarks.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target-- Youth." In view of the concern of you and your family about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction  
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Her question re the National Council of Churches is being ignored.

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Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

*PH*

August 11, 1960

W. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

You have done so many fine things for this country. There are so many more I will like to do for you personally, but I will like to do for you as a citizen. It is tragic that our nation has so many more things that we should do for our citizens. Instead of that, we have a great country that is not all.

Please do not let your entire family be reached by the same kind of things that I am writing to you about. Please do not let your family be reached by the same kind of things that I am writing to you about.

We stand behind you, remember you in our prayers, and we stand for your service.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

11/11/60  
 Mr. Tolson, Mr. DeLoach, Mr. Mohr, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Belmont, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Malone, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Rosen, Mr. Tamm, Mr. Trotter, Mr. W.C. Sullivan, Tele. Room, Mr. Holloman, Miss Gandy

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EXP-PROCESS  
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1 - Mr. Farrow

100 - 50867-476

REC-14

August 11, 1960

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated August 2, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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1 - Butte (Enclosure)

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**ATTENTION: SAC, BUTTE**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the United Council of Churches, as mentioned in correspondent's communication. It is believed, however, that correspondent may refer to the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC).

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent states she is deeply concerned regarding reports that the "United Council of Churches has become infiltrated with communism." She requests any information available on this subject. It is believed that correspondent has reference to recent charges that the NCCC has been infiltrated by the CP. In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

TRUE COPY

Aug. 2, 1960  
[REDACTED]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have become deeply concerned regarding reports that the United Council of Churches has become infiltrated with communism.

I would appreciate any information from your office on this subject.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

Aug. 2, 1960

[Redacted]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have become deeply concerned  
regarding reports that the United  
Council of Churches has become  
infiltrated with communists.

I would appreciate any information  
from your office on this subject.

Thank you

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Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

[Redacted title]

[Redacted address]

EX-105

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

1 - Mr. Farrow

August 12, 1960

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EX 109

62-50167-475

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated August 6, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, you are advised that I have not prepared or distributed an article concerning the National Council of the Churches of Christ such as you have mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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1 - Savannah (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, SAVANNAH

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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NOTE TO SAVANNAH. CONTINUED

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he has been informed that the Director has made available an article entitled "What is Wrong With The National Council of Churches." He requests five copies of this article.

Correspondent may be referring to "What Is Wrong with the Federal Council? now known as the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A." written by W. O. H. Garman, President (1947-1950), American Council of Christian Churches.

[REDACTED]

In view of the controversial nature of the booklet which is a strong attack upon the NCCC, it is not believed we should advise the correspondent of the identity of the publisher of the booklet.



1 - Mr. Simpson

August 3, 1960

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[REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 25, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Dallas (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, DALLAS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's confidential files contain no identifiable data concerning

Reference is made to your letter dated July 29, captioned, [REDACTED] Circuit Riders, Inc., "Lanous," (Dallas file 100-0-5781C), in which you stated that correspondent reportedly had written a letter to the Director concerning the National Council of the Knights of Christ (NCCC).

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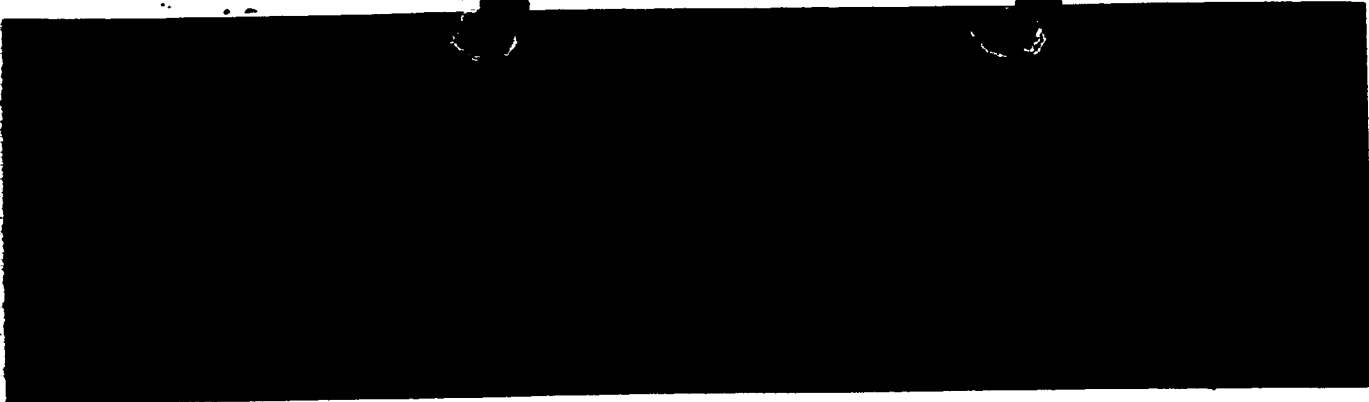
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32 AUG 1960



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

5/5/60

Dear Mr. Hoover,

It is requested to be advised that you had made available a  
copy of the official notice sent to from the National  
Council of Churches.

A copy of the official report of the [redacted] Methodist  
Church is being sent to you for your information. A copy of this  
report is also being sent to the [redacted] office.

Very truly yours,  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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CORRESPONDENCE

[REDACTED]

NOTE TO DIRECTOR. CONTINUED

[REDACTED]

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is violating the policies of the NCCC today.

(100-58869)

NOTE ON VERMONT

Correspondent has received several items of literature prepared by Scientific Rifers, Incorporated, which attack the NCCC. Therefore, wants the Bureau to advise him if in the opinion of the FBI the NCCC is infiltrated with communists and whether there are communists among the leaders of the NCCC.

25 July, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In recent weeks, several pieces of literature have been mailed to the congregation I serve. This literature, prepared by the "Circuit Riders, Inc." seeks to undermine and destroy the National Council of Churches. In the distributed material, and comments by those who send it out, the charge is made that the National Council of Churches is a "Communist-infiltrated" organization. Since the Disciples of Christ (Christian Churches) Brotherhood, with which we are associated, is affiliated with the National Council of Churches, many of our members have become confused and concerned.

These attacks sow seeds of suspicion and doubt, creating an atmosphere of distrust within the Church and weakening the greatest force for freedom, the Church. Thus, we need to know the facts from a reliable source. Since the internal security of our nation rests in the hands of your Bureau, and the reputation of your organization indicates that you are fully aware of the activities and records of communists in our country, I am convinced that no one is in a better position to set the record straight. An answer to this question would certainly clear the air, one way or the other. In the opinion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is the National Council of Churches "Communist-infiltrated? Are there communists among the leaders of the National Council of Churches?

I view with distrust any attempt to undermine the integrity and influence of any person or organization, and do not accept the statements and charges of anyone whose purpose is to do this without doing some investigating on my own. For that reason, I write this request to your office, for I do not know where else to turn. I sincerely hope that the policies of your organization will permit a clear answer.

Thanking you for your consideration, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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1 - Mr. Simpson

August 12, 1960

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[REDACTED]

For [REDACTED]

Your letter dated August 5, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or a clearances. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Kansas City

ATTENTION: SAC, KANSAS CITY

Correspondent advised that her brother told her the FBI had proof that the National Council of Churches is under communistic influences. Since her church includes this organization in its budget, she wants to know if there is any such proof. She stated she would appreciate any

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NOTE TO KANSAS CITY, CONTINUED

information confirming or denying whether the organization is under communistic influences. She enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Self-addressed, stamped envelope furnished by the correspondent used in reply.

It is noted correspondent addressed her letter to "The Honorable Herbert Hoover"; however, since she apparently thought Herbert Hoover was head of the FBI, no comment is being made concerning this mistake.

August 5, 1960

The Honorable Herbert Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

My brother, who is in the Army Air Force, and I were discussing religion the other day. He said that you had in your Federal Bureau of Investigation files proof that the National Council of Churches is under communistic influences.

Since my church, [REDACTED] Christian Church Deciples of Christ, includes the National Council of Churches in our missions budget and receives some literature from them, I would like to know if there is any proof that they are communists.

This is very important to me and I would appreciate any information you may have to either confirm or deny the fact as to whether they are, or are not under communistic influence. Enclosed is a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your reply.

Very sincerely yours,  
[REDACTED]

Enclosure

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1 - Mr. Farrow

August 5, 1960

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated July 29, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Little Rock (Enclosure) (See note page two)

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



**ATTENTION: SAC, LITTLE ROCK**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent states, "I was told recently that the president of the Council is a communist." She states that her church contributes a portion of its money to the NCCC. She asks if the President of the council is a communist.

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
July 29, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir.

I am a member of the Methodist Church of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I understand that our church contributes a portion of  
money to the National Council of Churches of America.

I was told recently that the president of the Council  
is a communist.

Will you please tell me if this is correct.

Sincerely

/s/ [REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
July 29, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir,

I am a member of the Methodist  
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I understand that our church  
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to the National Council of  
Churches of America.

I was told recently that  
the president of the Council  
is a communist. <sup>REC-14</sup> 100-50867-24

Will you please tell me if

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Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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Your letter dated July 26, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I have noted your kind personal comments, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Memphis (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, MEMPHIS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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NOTE TO MEMPHIS, CONTINUED

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For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The correspondent, a minister, states "Will you please tell me whether or not the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America (NCC) is a communist front organization." He indicates that members of his congregation have questioned him concerning this matter and he, in turn, has advised them that he will seek this information from the Bureau. Correspondent states "let me do something every citizen should have long since done--- 'Thank you' for the great service you have rendered to our nation. Thank God there is one agency of law enforcement in our nation that actually does its job."

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

July 26, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First, let me do something every citizen should have long since done--- "Thank you" for the great service you have rendered to our nation. Thank God there is one agency of law enforcement in our nation that actually does its job. More than that I appreciate so very much the written articles you have produced on juvenile delinquency and other problems -- and particularly that one which has to do with whether or not Junior will attend Sunday School and Church.

Secondly, I need your help in a problem which has arisen among some members of my church here. Will you please tell me whether or not the "National Council of the Churches of Christ in America (NCC)" is a communist front organization? I have had word from the Council of Bishops and also from the New York Times clearing that organization from such a name. Recently two men of my church came to me with a circular written by Dr. Tom Anderson of Fair and Ranch Magazine, Nashville, Tennessee, in which he attacks the NCC very vigorously, using for some of his charges excerpts from the Ark and Air Force Manual, and also attacking Methodist literature.

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I told them to see that I would write to you and request for information on this matter. If Dr. Anderson is right, then I should like to see steps taken to have our Church members free the organization. If he is wrong, then he ought to make proper apology. It would seem that in any large group there would be a few crack pots, even in both of our national political parties, but I believe it is most un-American to charge any person or persons blindly without real factual evidence. Thank you for any information you could give us on this.

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Sincerely yours,  
[REDACTED]

DIRECTOR, FBI

7/28/60

SAC, DALLAS (100-9-3731C)

[REDACTED]  
CONSULT MEMBERS, INC.  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

On the morning of 7/28/60, [REDACTED] called the Dallas Office and advised that he was [REDACTED] the purpose of making a talk at the [REDACTED] on the evening of 7/28/60. He said he had [REDACTED] the documents containing names of various Baptist and other clergymen throughout the United States who have had Communist affiliations or sympathies. [REDACTED] said he was making no request of the Bureau and was calling merely for the purpose of the Dallas Office knowing of his presence here and the availability for review of the mentioned documents if the Dallas Field Division cared to make such a review.

[REDACTED] said the above-mentioned documents have not as yet been published but will be published as have several other documents which set forth the names of various clergymen of the various faiths.

[REDACTED] in Dallas for his cooperation in notifying the Dallas Office of the above. In contact was made with him, however, as well as file information already known to the Bureau in [REDACTED] this organization to be of a somewhat controversial nature.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] had been attempting to raise \$5,000 through his church to enable him to mail pamphlets against Communism to college students a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] he had checked out and found [REDACTED] to be sympathetic toward the Communist movement. He stated [REDACTED] has caused quite a bit of discussion among the members of the church as a result of his solicitation of money. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] turned in his conversation to certain members of the church that they were Communists if they did not contribute.

[REDACTED] stated that a letter had been dictated to the Bureau over the name of [REDACTED] requesting [REDACTED]

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names of all persons who are Communists and members of the National Council of Churches.

Another letter has been directed to the Attorney General of the United States, requesting a list of subversive organizations, [REDACTED] stated.

The above is furnished for information purposes.